Elevated view of collapsed five-storey Iraqi embassy in Beirut after a powerful explosion

A police spokesman who

refused to be identified in com-

pliance with department rules said

the suicide bomber sped his veh-

icle past the gate of the year-old

embassy villa and accelerated past

guards who loosed machinegun

King condemns

embassy attack

AMMAN, Dec. 15 (Petra) -

His Majesty King Hussein tele-phoned Iraqi President Sad-dam Hussein this afternoon to

express his strong denunciation

and condemnation of the attack

on the Iraqi embassy in Beirut.

The King also expressed his condolences and those of the

Jordanian people to the families

King Hussein asserted to President Hussein that "those

behind the attack are totally

It was unclear whether the car

sped to the glass-enclosed entr-

ance to the embassy or went down

age where Lebanese military

sources said the Iraqis kept

The explosion was heard for

Mintoff returned to power for 3rd term

Nationalist newspapers claimed

the party had polled 51 per cent of

A complicated system of pre-

ferential and crossover voting

allocated 31 seats to the National-

ists, headed by pro-Western lawyer Eddie Fenech Adami, who

had vowed to push for Malta's

entry in the European Common

Market. Complete official results

Party officials said French Pres-

ident Francois Mitterrand would

were expected late tonight.

the island's 238,000 voters.

decessor.

New U.N. Secretary-general sworn in

ammunition.

a ramp leading to a basement gar-

void of any ethics, and work

against Arab interests."

of the attack victims.

fire at the car.

Mubarak denounces Israeli move

CAIRO, Dec. 15 (R) - Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak said today Israel's formal annexation of the Golan Heights was an obstruction to peace in the Middle East. Asked by reporters today if he considered the Israeli action, which has been severely condemned by Egypt, as a slap in the face, President Mubarak said: "I don't think it is a slap to us at all." He said that yesterday's Egyptian statement, describing the Israeli move as a blatant violation of the Camp David peace accords between Cairo and Tel Aviv, was the strongest issued so far by an Arab state. Western diplomats in Cairo said the annexation had presented Mr. Mubarak, who took over the presidency in October when Anwar Sadat was assassinated, with his first major foreign policy dilemma and given Arabs a fresh challenge.

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AMMAN, WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 16, 1981 — SAFAR 19, 1402

destroyed it Tuesday. (A.P. wirephoto).

BEIRUT, Dec. 15 (A.P.) — The

five-storey Iraqi embassy was des-

troyed here today in the explosion

of a bomb-laden car that was

piloted through a hail of machine-

gun bullets before detonating near

the building, police said.
Police said 20 people died and

more than 30 suffered wounds,

though checks with hospitals tal-

lied four dead and more than 50

with wounds from the midday

blast that crumbled the steel and

concrete, seafront structure in

10 died today and more than 80

Lebanese state radio reported

None claimed responsibility,

though Lebanese-based private

armies loyal to Iran and Iraq have

been fighting one another here

since the spring of 1980, several

months before the Iran-Iraq war

erupted. Since the start of the war,

more than 100 people have

perished in battles between

and pieces of glass came down on

our heads," said 12-year-old

Ahmad Omuri, who was caught in

his classroom at a school near the

Iraqi embassy, and suffered head

The streets of West Beirut

emptied almost immediately with

people rushing to their homes,

apprehensive the bombing will

trigger militia fighting or reprisal

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 15 (A.P.) — Javier Perez de Cueilar of Peru formally was elected by

the General Assembly today to become the fifth

U.N. secretary-general. The 157-nation body, fol-

The 61-year-old Peruvian diplomat, whose

nomination by the 15-nation Security Council last

Friday broke a prolonged election deadlock, will

succeed Mr. Kurt Waldheim on Jan. 1. He will be

have been required vote on the council's nominee

by secret ballot if any of its 157 members had so

requested. The lack of such a request indicated

general satisfaction among the predominantly

Third World members of the assembly in the choice

of an experienced diplomat from the southern

bemisphere. Three of the past four secretaries-

VALLETTA, Malta, Dec. 15

(A.P.) - Dom Mintoff, who

became Europe's most durable

democratically elected premier in

last weekend's election, will seek

France's support to guarantee the

neutrality of his strategic Mediter-

ranean island, Labour Party offi-

to power for another five years

after his Labour Party captured 34

tinued in a military barracks near

this palm studded tourist haven,

Mr. Mintoff's Nationalist oppos-ition refused to concede defeat.

While ballot counting con-

of the parliament's 65 seats.

Mr. Mintoff, 65, was returned

cials said today.

Under U.N. rules, the General Assembly would

the first Latin American in the five-year post.

lowing past tradition, acted by acclamation.

"The window was blown out

militias loyal to Iraq or Iran.

West Beirut.

sustained wounds.

Price: Jordan 100 fils; Syria 1 pound; Lebanou 1 pound; Saudi Arabia 1.50 riyals; UAE 1.50 dirhams; Great Britain 25 pence

'Autonomy' talks resume in Israel

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Dec. 15 (R) - High-level talks between Israel and Egypt went ahead according to schedule today despite Egypt's anger over the annexation of the Syrian Golan Heights. Negotiations on Palestinian 'autonomy' in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip continued in Tel Aviv and were expected to end on Thursday as planned, Israeli officials said.

Mitterrand is OK

PARIS, Dec. 15 (R) - President Francois Mitterrand today published a bulletin on his health aimed at putting an end to widespread reports that he was seriously ill. The bulletin, following a medical check-up last month, concluded that after six months in office "the president is in a very satisfactory state of health."

London bomb intended for Iranians

LONDON, Dec. 15 (R) — A bomb which wrecked a car in London on Sunday, killing two men inside and wounding a third, may have been intended for supporters of the late Shah of Iran who were meeting in Hyde Park, a British newspaper said today. The bomb exploded a few hundred metres from where a former senior Iranian army officer was giving a speech critical of the govemment of Ayatollah Khomeini, the Guardian newspaper said. It said the two fatalities, both Iranian, were killed when the bomb they were priming blew up in their faces. The third man was still unconscious in hospital.

Cypriot visits Iraq

NICOSIA, Dec. 15 (A.P.) -President Spyros Kyprianou will fly to Iraq for an official visit, Dec. 20-22, it was announced officially here today. The two countries, both members of the Non-aligned group of nations maintain close friendly relations, with Cyprus obtaining most of its oil imports from Iraq.

Ghali visits Sudan

CAIRO, Dec. 15 (R) - Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Boutros Ghali will visit Sudan for three days from tomorrow, foreign ministry officials said today.

Numeiri: There isn't enough U.S. help

KUWAIT, Dec. 14 (A.P.) Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri was quoted in a newspaper interview here today as saying "there is satisfactory American contribution to the arming of the Sudanese armed forces, though I cannot say it is

sufficient. Armenians protest

PARIS, Dec. 15 (R) - Young Armenian militants temporarily occupied the Paris office of the airline Swissair today in protest against the prosecution in Switzerland of an Armenian accused of attempting to murder a Turkish diplomat. The youths, a dozen members of the Armenian liberation movement, told reporters their action was a non-violent demonstration in support of the Armenian Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia (ASALA). They withdrew after 90 minutes and police did not intervene.

Kuwait approves loan to Iraq

KUWAIT, Dec. 15 (R) Kuwait's parliament today approved a \$2 billion loan to Iraq to repair damage caused in its war with Iran, parliamentary sources said. The loan brings to \$6 billion credits by Kuwait to Iraq since the war began 14 months ago, they

King receives Yamani, Shirawi;

AMMAN, Dec. 15 (J.T.) - His Majesty King Hussein received at the Royal Court today Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Ahmad Zaki Yamani and Bahraini Minister of Industrial Development Yousef Al Shirawi, who are members of

Chadian minister:

and ILO official

versity of Jordan. Sheikh Yamani and Mr. Shirawi praised the educational progress achieved by Jordan under the King's leadership, as well as the steps made by the University of Jordan in producing qualified people capable of serving their

the board of trustees of the Uni-

The meeting was attended by Chief of the Royal Court Ahmad All and who is always attended by Chief of the Royal Court Ahmad Al Lawzi, who is also chairman of the board of trustees of the University of lorden and University of lorden and University versity of Jordan, and University of Jordan President Dr. Abdul Salam Al Majali.

ILO official visits

King Hussein also received this afternoon International Labour Office Secretary General Francis Blanchard. During the meeting they discussed relations between Jordan and the office.

In an interview with the Jordan Times, Mr. Blanchard said that his discussions with the King had dealt with two matters: the improvement of the conditions of Arab workers in the occupied territories, which he described as being "far from satisfactory," and the problem of labour migration to the Gulf countries.

Mr. Blanchard said that he had sensed that the King was both sensitive to and concerned about these problems. The full interview will be published in Thursday's

Discussion also dealt with Jordan's proposals on the technical support rendered by the International Labour Office to developing countries in light of the plan presented by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan to the International Labour Organisation (ILO) in 1977, to set up an international fund for labour compensation. The meeting was attended by Minister of Labour Jawad Al Anani.

Chadian message

King Hussein also received at the Royal Court today Chadian Minister of State for Rural Development and Animal Wealth Mohammad Fakki, who conveyed a message from Chadian President Goukouni Oveddei, dealing with recent developments in Chad and ways to develop relations and cooperation between the two countries.

King telephones Bahraini emir

AMMAN, Dec. 15 (Petra) - His Majesty King Hussein last night telephoned Bahraini Emir Sheikh-Issa Ibn Salman Al Khalifah to convey his strong condemnation and denunciation of the suspect actions which an outlaw group, supported by the aggressive regime in Iran, wanted to carry out

in Bahram. King Hussein stressed Jordan's support for Bahrain against the elements of evil and sabotage that wanted to harm Bahrain's security and stability. The King also expressed Jordan's stand by its brothers in protecting the dignity and lands

Arafat made honorary citizen of Athens ATHENS, Dec. 15 (R) — Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat, visiting Greece on a three-day official visit, was today made

affairs, Karolos Papoulias and Assimakis Fotilas.

The talks end tomorrow and a final communique

an honorary citizen of Athens, Mayor Dimitrios Mr. Arafat arrived yesterday at the invitation of Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou. The agenda includes discussions on upgrading the present PLO information office in Athens to diplomatic status. The PLO leader opened talks with Mr. Papandreou last night and continued them today with the participation of the two undersecretaries of foreign is expected to be issued.

The talks also covered Greece's relations with the Arab World, particularly with the Palestinians, as well as the Cyprus issue and the role Greece can play as a member of the EEC in promoting the Palestinian cause.

Earlier today Mr. Arafat met opposition leaders including Evangelos Averoff-Tossitsas, leader of the main opposition party New Democracy.

An Iraqi delegation headed by Minister of Planning Taba Al Abdullah is also in Athens for talks on the repair of Iraq! ships in Greek shipyards, and

cooperation in industry, to arraw, and construction.

be visiting Malta at the start of 1982 and that the French were UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 15 expected to support a neutrality pact signed by Italy and Malta ear-(R) - The U.N. Security Council

nal to the United Nations,"

last night deferred immediate action on a Syrian request for a debate on Israel's new law annexing the Golan Heights. Syrian Ambassador Dia Al Fat-

The pact was drawn up after Mr.

Mintoff's friendship with Libyan

leader Muammar Qadhafi floun-

dered in 1980 when a Libyan gun-

boat prevented a Maltesc-

authorised oil drilling rig from exploring the south side of the

Security Council

takes no action

tal told a press conference that Syria wanted the council to impose sanctions on Israel unless it rescinded the law, rushed through the Knesset (parliament) yesterday, within a week.

Council members conferred informally on their programme but took no action on Syria's request. Diplomatic sources said the United States sought more time to obtain details of Israel's action, including the text of the

Israeli forces alerted as world raps Begin's move to annex Golan Heights

TEL AVIV, Dec. 15 (R) — Israeli forces went on alert on the Golan Heights today amid mounting international criticism of Israel's decision to annex the strategic border region.

Military sources said troops in the mountains overlooking Galilee were closely watching Syrian movements across the ceasefire lines.

Defence ministry officials said the chief of staff, Gen. Rafael Eitan, had been recalled from a visit to Egypt to keep an eye on the situation.

Israeli leaders meanwhile appeared unconcerned about criticism at home and abroad over the legislation, rushed through parliament last night, annexing the territory which Israel seized from Syria in the 1967 Middle East war.

miles. It parted the structure with

an up-and-down rip forcing the embassy to collapse into itself as if

crushed or multiple shrapnel all

over their bodies," said Dr. Mahdi

Budayr at the Berbir Medical

Centre, where seven victims were

"Part of the building fell onto his head," remarked a young woman who watched as her fiance,

an Iraqi attache, was wheeled

unconscious from the operating

Ambassador Abdul Razzak

Mohammad Lafta was treated for

a leg wound at the American Uni-

versity hospital, where one of his

bodyguards who refused to iden-

tify himself said, "thank god he is

have been assassinated in Leba-

non since September of 1980, as

was the head of the Iranian stu-

dents' association here. The

Bank in Beirut was bombed last

year, along with the Lebanese

branches of the Iraqi trans-

portation company, the Iraqi

commercial centre, Iraqi Airways

and the Iraqi news agency.

radio and television.

general have been Europeans. The only exception was U Thant of Burma, Mr. Waldheim's pre-

General Assembly President Ismat Kittani of

Iraq, with Mr. Waldbeim seated beside him on the

rostrum, suggested that Mr. Perez de Cuellar's elec-

tion be by acclamation in view of the council's

The suggestion was greeted by general applause

Mr. Perez de Cuellar was then escorted to the

podium and was sworn in by Mr. Kittani. There was

renewed applause when Mr. Perez de Cuellar com-

pleted the oath of office by pledging "not to seek or

accept instructions with regard to the execution of

my duties from any government or authority exter-

lier this year.

nomination and the "wishes of many delegations."

and Mr. Kittani rapped his gavel and said, "so

Three Iraqi embassy employees

room at a Beirut hospital.

"They had wounds from being

imploded.

treated.

airight."

The three-paragraph law read out to the Knesset (parliament) by Prime Minister Menachem Begin

Jordan deplores Israeli move as expansionist step

AMMAN, Dec. 15 (Petra) — Jordan today condemned and denounced the annexation of the occupied Golan Heights as another step in the implementation of Israel's aggressive and expansionist policy.

A statement issued by the Jordanian government said the Israeli decision yesterday to apply Israeli law to the Golan Heights, occupied by Israel in the 1967 Middle East war, "practically means the annexation of this Arab territory to Esrael."

"This decision comes in the framework of the aggressive and expansionist policy which has been practised by the successive Israeli governments," the statement said.

The statement blamed the Iran Air's Beirut offices were deteriorating Arab situation and bombed in September of 1980, the absence of clear Arab vision for and attackers lobbed explosives bringing the Arab World to the into the facilities here of Iranian point of "ignoring the real danger and wasting efforts in side differences.''

The statement called on the international community in general, and those countries which can influence world peace in particular, to "shoulder the responsibility of deterring Israel from going ahead with the implemen-tation of its schemes that contradict all resolutions adopted by the world community for achieving just and lasting peace in the Middle

The statement said that this new Israeli move is another expansionist step almed at asurping Arab lands and rights which started with the occupation of Palestine in 1948 and continued with the occupation of more Arab lands in 1967; Judaisation of the Arab city of Jerusalem; construction of Israeli settlements; planning for the Med-Dead causl; bombing of the Iraqi nuclear installations; violation of Arab sirspace; continued aggression on Lebanon and the Palestinian resistance; inhuman practices against the Palestinian people under occupation with the aim of applying the autonomy plot; and with entrenching occupation and annexation of

Arab lands." The statement said that His Majesty King Hussein has warned against the seriousness of what is happening and pointed out the need to confront effectively the Israeli designs. The statement added that King Hussein also pointed out that the survival of the Arab Nation and the preservation of its supreme interests require the strengthening of Arab solidarity; joint Arab action; building Arab coherent strength; and pooling all the nation's vast resources for the battle of defending the Arab Nation's existence, fate and future generations.

The statement called on the international community to consider urgently the serious consequences resulting from the Israeli concept of peace in the area - a concept based on the usurpation of Arab rights and lands. It said this concept constitutes a "constant threat to peace and stability of the area's states and peoples, and consequently, to the sec-urity and stability of the world."

extended Israeli law, jurisdiction he said: "We are being asked to and administration to the Golan Previously the region had been

classed as occupied Arab territory like the West Bank and the Gaza Mr. Begin said his government made the decision after giving up

hope of imminent peace with Syria, but the timing of the sur-prise move was a subject of intensive debate in Israel.

An aide of the prime minister denied press reports that it had been a response to recent U.S. policies such as the sale of warplanes to Saudi Arabia.

The aide said there had been two principal motives. One was the failure of U.S. special envoy Philip Habib to secure removal of Syrian anti-aircraft missiles from Lebanon. The other was a reported statement by Syrian President Hafez Al Assad that Syria would never recognise

Former chief of staff Mordechai Gur meanwhile accused Defence Minister Ariel Sharon of trying to

goad Syria into a war. In a radio interview today, Gen. Gur stood by a statement he made

yesterday to a meeting of the

opposition Labour Party at which

Israeli officials shrugged off international condemnation. The newspaper Maariv said the legislation represented the will of

give legitimacy to the madness of

Sharon. Sharon wants war with

But Foreign Minister Yitzhak

Shamir told a radio interviewer

that the purpose of the Golan law

was to give the region's inhabit-

ants, mostly Druze tribesmen, a

feeling that they were part of

Israel and to "persuade the world

that Golan was in fact part of

interests, even at the price of dif-

ferences with the United States,"

Israeli radio reported that U.S.

Ambassador Samuel Lewis had

protested vigorously by telephone

about the annexation bill. But

"We must ensure our national

Israel."

Mr. Shamir said.

the Syrians at no matter what

the public while another newspaper, Yediot Ahronot, said it had to be rushed through to forestall foreign opposition. On the Golan Heights. United

Nations observers positioned between Israeli and Syrian forces viewed the development with unease. "We hope," said one U.N. observer, "that it will be a white Christmas and not a black one.

Weinberger 'unhappy' with Israel's new action

WASHINGTON. Dec. 13 (K)—
U.S. Defence Secretary Caspar
Weinberger today sharply
attacked Israel's annexation of the
attacked Israel's annexation of the WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (R) rule out American support for United Nations sanctions against

the Israeli government. "We are very unhappy with it," he said. "What they have done now is, I think, clearly a violation of the United Nations resolutions

and therefore of the Camp David agreement." Syria has termed the Israeli move an act of war and called for a

U.N. Security Council meeting to air its complaint. Asked in a television interview if the United States would veto U.N. sanctions against Israel over

the Golan Heights, Mr. Weinberger replied: "I haven't any idea. I think it would depend on what they were

He called the move by Israel "necessarily very provocative and what I would characterise as destabilising in that very volatile

His comments were stronger than those of Secretary of State

Alexander Haig, who condemned the Israeli move yesterday. "The peace process is some-

thing that the president feels very strongly should not be interfered with in any way. And any event of this kind...casts some question about the whole process and therefore is something we have to be very unhappy about and very concerned about," Mr. Weinberger said.

Syria to counter Israeli act with 'the edge of the sword'

DAMASCUS, Dec. 15 (R) -Syria's defence minister said today that his country would counter Israel's annexation of the Golan Heights with "the edge of the sword.

Maj. Gen. Mustafa Tlas told army cadets at a graduation cere-mony that the Israeli move yesterday was flagrant aggression backed by the United States.

"Syria's reaction to this aggressive Zionist measure will be the edge of the sword," he said.

The Syrian government said yesterday that the decision to annex the strategic border region. captured during the 1967 Middle East war, meant that Israel was waging war on Syria and abrogating a ceasefire between them. It said Syria reserved the right to take "measures appropriate to this grave and flagrant violation of

Nations Security Council and today Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam appealed for

the charter and resolutions of the

Syria has already called for an

emergency meeting of the United

United Nations."

support from the Islamic Conference Organisation, the Nonaligned Movement and the Organisation of African Unity, Damascus radio said. Arab states have united in con-

demnation of the Israeli action, which has also been criticised by the United States.

A spokesman for the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), whose forces in South Lebanon fought the Israelis for two weeks in July, said the annexation would increase the chances of war in the

Europe condemns annexation

LONDON, Dec. 15 (R) -The 10 European Economic Community (EEC) states today condemned Israel's annexation of the Golan

Heights. Foreign ministers of the ten, set-ting aside briefly their differences over EEC finances, issues the statement condemning Israel's annexation of the Golan Heights and another on Poland during a meeting here mainly devoted to

negotiations on EEC budget In their statement, the ministers said they strongly deplored

jurisdiction and administration to the occupied Syrian territories occupied in the 1967 Middle East

French External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson, who won favour in Israel last week for remarks interpreted there as pro-Israeli, condemned the annexation move and said it was stupefy-

ing and extremely upsetting.

Mr. Cheysson told journalists that the decision was in flagmat contradiction with international - law and would have serious consequences for the search for peace Israel's decision to extend its law, in the Middle East.

علدًا من الأصل

Qasr Amra

Ancient inspiration comes to light in the desert

By Dina Matar Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The Spanish Archaeological Mission in Jordan has just completed another round of its long-term campaign to restore Qasr Amra, one of the best-known and best-preserved Umayyad "desert castles" in the Azraq area. The mission left Jordan late last month with an unwavering determination to return next summer.

Qasr Amra, thought to have been used as a desert retreat and hunting lodge, has long been considered a key monument for the understanding of early Islamic art.
The building's location — purposely situated beyond the edge of cultivable land on the Jordanian plateau — makes it a unique place. But what is really special about Qasr Amra is its position in art history: marking the transition

between the personality of the Byzantine culture and the Arabic

Amra's greatest, and best known, asset is its wall frescoes and other decorations. These representations, which have survived, amazingly, for centuries, are animated and lively images that convey a lot about the building, its use and purpose.

The Spanish mission has mounted a series of campaigns, in which a group of expert Spanish restorers cleaned and consolidated of the building and its paintings. The mission also carried out some excavations, and published detailed documentation offering an insight into the importance of the building, both as a historical monument and as a work of art.

Before beginning its restoration work, the mission subjected the colours and the surface of the walk to a detailed chemical analy-

sis. The Spanish experts were able. on the basis of this analysis, to come up with the best procedure for cleaning and consolidating the paintings, of which some 75 per cent were partially hidden and in poor condition.

The paintings were hideously covered with smoke," explained restorer Antonio Sanchez, one of the six members of the Qasr Amra

"After years of use, the smoke from fires built inside the monument had covered the surfaces of the walls and paintings in black." Mr. Sanchez told the Jordan Times. "Cleaning them required delicate and loving work, and that took so much time.

Mr. Sanchez recalled that some parts of the building had been threatened with collapse, and needed strengthening. Reinforcing these walk also took a long time, and a great deal of delicate

handling.
"We introduced a hidden 'loop'

of reinforced concrete into the thickness of the wall to prevent it from falling down," Mr. Sanchez

Not only were the walls threatening to collapse, but the condition of the various lively, coloured frescoes had also deteriorated. "Some bad big holes in them which we had to fill in using a specially-prepared paste, which later would be topped with the same type of paint used in antiquity," Mr. Sanchez said. Mr. Sanchez, who returned this

autumn to continue the restoration and consolidation of the monument, feels that Qasr Amra should not be left in its present state. "It is such a unique work of art, that it's a pity to have neg-

lected it for so long," he said. While working on the restoration of the qasr, Mr. Sanchez spent his time living with some bedouins in the area, where he got accustomed to some of the tribal

traditions in the Jordanian desert "It reminded me so much of Spain that only on very rare occasions did I feel homesick "he said He laughingly explained how he had abided by some of the cartoms, such as drinking coffee of each and every occasion, and sit.

ting around with the heads of the tribe chatting about life. "The funny thing is that I do not know the language, and we had to communicate by signalling all the time," he said.

Mr. Sanchez has a long camer behind him of restoration and consolidation in other parts of the world, for example Mexico. The 34-year-old technician is maried and has a son called laine, "My son's name was very convenient because it sounds like the word for tent in Arabic. The hospitable bedouins were delighted, and went around calling me Abu Khaune," he said with a glint in his





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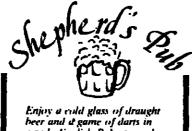
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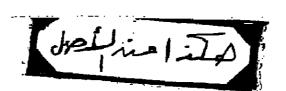
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Al al-Bayt Foundation premises open with show of Koranic calligraphy

AMMAN, Dec. 15 (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein opened this afternoon the temporary premises of the Royal Academy for Islamic Civilisation Research (Al al-Bayt Foundation), and an exhibition of

the development of Koranic calligraphy at the academy's premises. King Hussein heard a briefing from the academy's president, Dr. Nasreddin Al Assad, who explained that the academy had begun implementation of two long-term important projects. The first is related to the publication of an Islamic civilisation encyclopaedia, and the second to the comprehensive indexing of the Arab and Islamic heritage throughout the world.

Dr. Assad said the academy will submit the results of its research, and plans for future projects, to its annual conference, which will be held in late April 1982. The conference will be held under the patronage of King Hussein.

Thirty-eight exhibits, including 115 reproductions of Koran manuscripts, are on display in the exhibition. They represent the development of Islamic calligraphy, binding and decoration in the

Dr. Assad said the week-long exhibition is part of a cooperation agreement between the academy and the trustees of an Islamic festival held in London five years ago, where an exhibition of a full set of original Koran manuscripts was held for the first time in history.

The opening ceremony was attended by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, Prime Minister Mudar Badran. Speaker of the Upper House of Parliament Bahjat Al Talhouni, Chief of the Royal Court Ahmad Al Lawzi, President of the National Consultative Council Ahmad Al Tarawneh. Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid, Court Minister Amer Khammash, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces Lt. Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, Minister of Culture and Youth Ma'an Abu Nowar, Alia Chairman and President Ali Ghandour and several members of the academy.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Queen visits charity home

AMMAN, Dec. 15 (Petra) - Her Majesty Queen Noor visited this afternoon Dar Al Salam (the Home of Peace) home for the disabled and needy, run by the Sisters of Charity. The Queen inspected the home and its utilities, and was briefed on the conditions of the people living in it. She also heard a briefing on the services rendered by the home to 95 residents.

Alia seeks more flights to London

AMMAN, Dec. 15 (J.T.) — Civil Aviation Director General Sharif Ghazi Rakan will leave for London at the end of this week to hold talks with British aviation officials on an increase in the number of flights to London by Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline, the local press reported today. It said Alia wants to make four flights a week and to amend the memorandum of understanding signed between the Jordanian and British civil aviation authorities

Badran meets 2 visiting aides

AMMAN, Dec. 15 (Petra) - Prime Minister Mudar Badran received at his office this afternoon Saudi Petroleum and Mineral Resources Minister Ahmad Zaki Al Yamani and Bahraini Minister of Industrial Development Yousef Al Shirawi. The meeting was attended by University of Jordan President Abdul Salam Al Majali. Both ministers came to Amman to attend the meeting of the University of Jordan's board of trustees, of which they are members.

NCC panel meets on budget

AMMAN, Dec. 15 (Petra) — The financial and administrative committee of the National Consultative Council (NCC) met today under its chairman, Dr. Khalil Al Salem, to discuss the draft state budget for 1982. The committee will resume its meetings for this purpose tomorrow morning. The meeting was attended by the finance minister and the director of general budget.

Princess Wijdan opens exhibition

AMMAN, Dec. 15 (Petra) - An exhibition of the paintings of Princess Wijdan Ali opened this evening at the Alia Art Gallery. The paintings are inspired by the environment of the Jordanian desert. The opening ceremony of the 12-day exhibition was attended by several officials and art lovers, as well as diplomatic corps members

Ministry stocks up on turkey

AMMAN. Dec. 15 (Petra) - A spokesman for the Ministry of Supply has said that in view of the increased demand for frozen turkey, particularly with Christmas drawing near, the ministry has imported turkey in large quantities, which it intends to sell at 750 fils a kilogramme wholesale and 850 fils a kilogramme retail. The ministry is prepared to meet the demand for turkey through its centres in Jabal Hussein, Jabal Luweibdeh and its warehouses in Juweideh, and its vehicles will also distribute the meat to shops willing to sell it.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Exhibitions

- * An exhibition of "Contemporary Jordanian Painters," at the Spanish Cultural Centre.
- The paintings of Rizq Abdul Hadi, at the Ministry of Culture and Youth Art Gallery.
- Paintings by Basem Al Sheikh Jawad, at the Holiday Inn.
- Paintings, entitled "Desert", by Princess Wijdan Ali at the Alia Art Gallery.

The British Council

Presents an "An Evening with Suhail Bisharat." Suhail Bisharat, director of the Jordan National Gallery, discusses the contemporary art scene in Jordan with his guests Princess Wijdan Ali, artist and president of the Royal Society of Fine Arts; Mohanna Durra, artist and consultant to the minister of culture, and Prof. Malcolm Quantrill, art critic and deputy editor of Art International. Refreshments will be available from 7 p.m.

Lecture

* On kidney diseases, by Dr. Tareq Suheimat, head of the kidney department at the King Hussein Medical Centre. At the Professional Associations Complex, at 6 p.m.

Good time at charity bazaar



Young guests inspect their "Lucky Dip" gains at the Grand Christmas Bazaar held by the British Ladies of Amman on Monday. Hand-made, home-made and home-grown items on sale at the

ceeds, JD 1,003, will be shared between two charities: the Home of Peace and the Fransiscan Sisters. (Photo by Suzanne Zu'mut-Black)

University of Jordan trustees meet

AMMAN, Dec. 15 (Petra) — The board of trustees of the University of Jordan held a major session this morning in the presence of all members of the board, including Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Ahmad Zaki Yamani and Bahraini Industrial Development Minister Yousef Al Shirawi.

At the beginning of the session, Chief of the Royal Court Ahmad Al Lawzi, who chairs the university's board, welcomed the two honoured guests.

University of Jordan President Abdul Salam Al Majali then submitted the university's annual report, which included a review of the university's achievements since its establishment in 1962, as well as its aspirations in academic, financial, construction and organisational matters. The annual report also covers the achievements of the Jordan University Hospital and its aspirations.

After the board members made their remarks on the report, the board of trustees approved the basic principles of the university's policies, which assert that the educational process should be based

on quality, not on quantity.

The board also approved the appointment of a University of Jordan student and a graduate as two members of the board. The board also approved the appointment of Dr. Mohammad Hamdan

Team returns from Brussels tourism fair

AMMAN, Dec. 15 (Petra) - A Jordanian tourism team which ran the Jordanian pavilion at a recent tourist fair in Brussels returned to Amman this evening.

Assistant Director General of Tourism Rafiq Lahham, who headed the delegation, said people working in the representatives of airlines, tour operators, representatives of hotels and tourist offices and those interested in aviation and transport matters participate in the Brussels fair every year.

He said that this year, the Jordanian pavilion was set up in cooperation between Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline, several tourist organisations and hotels in Jordan. Some 20,000 visitors visited the Jordanian pavilion, he

Mr. Lahham said contacts were made with tour operators to attract tourists to visit Jordan, Visits to Jordan resulting from these contacts will start as of next February.

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as dean of scientific research. The board also discussed a report submitted by the financial committee on the draft university budget for 1982. The board decided to return the report to the committee to introduce the necessary amendments in light of the



Mohammad Idris

Idris appointed public security director

AMMAN, Dec. 15 (Petra) - A royal decree has been issued approving the cabinet's decision to appoint Lt. Gen. Mohammad Idris as director of public security, effective today. Lt. Gen. Idris had been serving as military secretary to His Majesty King Hussein.

The cabinet also decided to retire Maj. Gen. Mamoun Khalil from his post as public security director at his own request, as of

Lt. Gen. Idris has sent a cable to King Hussein expressing his thanks and appreciation for the appointment.

Alia V.P. gets new appointment

AMMAN, Dec. 15 (J.T.) - Mr. Ali Ghandour, the chairman and president of Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline, has decided to transfer Mr. Munib Touqan from his post as vice president for public relations. Mr. Tougan will head a new department, in flight services, which includes more than 500 stewardesses, stewards and administrative employees.

Al Ra'i newspaper, reporting this today, said that in flight services was now to be an independent department headed by the vice president.

Mr. Touqan began work in his new post at Amman Airport discussions which took place dur-

ing the session, and the remarks made by the members of the financially, to enable it to achieve

board. The remarks focused on the need to support the university Permit requirement lifted

AMMAN, Dec. 15 (J.T.) - Egyptian nationals will no longer be required to obtain residence permits to live and work in Jordan, according to a decision by Interior Minister Suleiman Arar.

for Egyptians in Jordan

The decision does not, however, affect the work permit requirements of the Ministry of Labour. An Interior Ministry official told the Jordan Times that the deci-

sion, to take effect immediately, exempts Egyptians from having to obtain residence permits from the residence and foreigners' affairs department of the Public Security Directorate. Only a visa issued by a Jordanian mission abroad, or at a border

point, to indicate legal entry is now required from Egyptian nationals, he said.

Svrian nationals have been exempt from residence permits in Jordan since 1975.

Indian Muslim delegation leaves

AMMAN, Dec. 15 (Petra) - Dr. Mohammad Burhaneddin and his delegation representing the Bohra community in India left Amman this evening at the end of a three-day visit to Jordan. They met with His Majesty King Hussein, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan and officials at the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs. Durin its visit to Jordan, the delegation also visited the graves of the Prophet Mohammad's companions.

Bank employees learn about Jordan's forward market

AMMAN, Dec. 15 (J.T.) - The assistant manager of Citibank in Amman, Mr. Johnny Zeidan, today delivered a lecture on the forward market in currencies and its applications in Jordan, to participants in a training seminar on foreign currency handling organised by the Association of Banks in Jordan.

Mr. Zeidan gave the historical hackground of the operations of the forward market in Jordan. He also explained the meaning of dealing with the market, its benefits and the significance of the operations of this market.

The lecturer also reviewed the dangers to the agent who deals with this market. Notable among these dangers are currency price fluctuations, he said. Mr. Zeidan also explained the factors which help fix the prices of

forward market contracts, and Central Bank instructions on dealings in the market. The lecture was one of a series

of advanced lectures supervised by the Association of Banks in Jordan with the aim of acquainting the participants and bank employees in Jordan with modern techniques used in dealing with foreign

Thirty-eight participants, representing banks, companies and financial establishments which are members of the association, are participating in the seminar at the association's premises.

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Alia's still thinking big

By Suzanne Zu-mut-Black Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, Dec. 15 - Despite worldwide economic gloom Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline, is looking forward to the coming year with optimism and drive. The present route structure is to be expanded; three more widebodied aircraft are to be acquired, and there will be a 20 per cent

increase in flying hours.

In a press conference today at the airline's headquarters, Alia Chairman and President Ali Ghandour made these predictions in outlining Alia's policies at the beginning of its 19th year of oper-ations. Starting in January, Alia Boeing 747 jumbo jets will be breaking new ground on the route to Manila via Colombo, Kuala Lumpur and Singapore, and possibly later extending as far as Seoul.

In May, Alia's new Lockheed
TriStars will add a twice-weekly stop at Istanbui en route to London. Frequency of flights closer to home, and particularly to the Gulf area, will also be increased.

More ambitiously, the national carrier plans to start a pioneer route westward in November 1982. Alia TriStars will fly to Rio de Janeino via Lagos and Abidjan. to serve the large Arab populations living in these areas.

The three new TriStars to be delivered during the course of

1982 will complete the mod-emisation of Alia's fleet, Mr. Ghandour said. The older Boeing 707 aircraft will either be sold off or used exclusively as cargo carriers. As a consequence of this updating of the fleet, passenger business is expected to rise from a 1981 figure of 1.4 million to 1.75 million in the coming year. Mr. Ghandour stressed that

Alia's working plan during its 19th year is based on Jordan's political and economic needs, and is conand economic needs, and is consistent with His Majesty King Skin graft Hussein's wish that Alia serve as Jordan's "ambassador at large."
He went on to say that Alia had
the greatest growth rate in the
Middle East, and possibly the second greatest worldwide.

For the ninth consecutive year, he said, a profit had been made. Next year's profit is estimated at JD 1.5 million, despite rising fuel costs which now constitute 35 per cent of the company's expen-

Alia continues to promote tourism both to archaeological sites such as Jerash and Petra, and to places of religious interest such as Jerusalem and Bethlehem in the occupied West Bank. Slogans used to attract tourists vary from Visit Jordan the Land of the Sun" to "Visit Jordan the Holy Land".

Mr. Ghandour added, however. that the airline hoped to attract additional revenue from the commercial sector if Amman can be made a more active Middle East business centre.

JD 2.25 m loan to pay for new buses

AMMAN, Dec. 15 (J.T.) - The Public Transport Corporation will receive a syndicated bank loan of JD 2.25 million to purchase 250 new buses, under agreement signed today. The loan is being provided by the Housing Bank. the Arab Bank and the Jordan Securities Corporation.

The Public Transport Corporation is buying 250 buses from the German manufacturer M.A.N. Seventy-five of these buses, which can take 88 passengers each, have already arrived. The rest are expected to be in Jordan by next May, bringing the corporation's fleet to 438 within the Amman area.

Minister of Transport Ali Suheimat signed the agreement for the corporation in his capacity as chairman of its board. Housing Bank General Manager Zuhair Khouri signed for his bank; Arab Bank Assistant General Manager Munzer Fahoum signed for the Arab Bank and Jordan Securities Corporation Manager Sa'id Hamami signed for his company.

In reply to a question, Mr. Ghandour expanded on recent changes in tourist flow to the West Bank. After going to Jerusalem across the bridge. Alia passengers continue over-land to Cairo and then return to Ammun by air to connect with their New York

Unique succeeds

AMMAN, Dec. 15 (Petra) - A team of cosmetic surgeons at the King Hussein Medical Centre has succeeded in an important skin graft operation between the abdomen and the hand, it was

announced today. The team, led by Dr. Ghaith Shubeilat, transferred a large area of the skin and the adjoining fat. measuring 20 by 14 centimetres and a two centimetres thick, from the abdomen and the upper thigh of a 12-year-old patient. The skin was transferred onto the left hand in the same operation.

The complicated, operation the first of its kind in the Arah World -- reflects the high medical standards in Jordan, the announcement said. The operating team used microscopic surgery to restore the blood circulation to the skin by connecting numerous minute blood vessels measuring less than one millimetre in diame-

The operation took 10 hours.

Swedish envoy marks a 'first' in diplomacy

AMMAN, Dec. 15(J.T.) - The Swedish ambassador to Jordan, Mr. Sten Stromholm, has established a novel precedent in diplomacy by his "bi-residential" status in both Lebanon and Jordan.

Ambassador and Mrs. Strombolm held a reception at their Amman residence Monday night, and the ambassadur later pointed out to the Jordan Times that be is maintaining official residences in both Amman and Beirut.

He plans to divide his time equally between both capitals. He is also responsible for covering Syria, though he does not maintain a bome there.

The Swedish embassy here also includes the permanently resident charge d'affaires, Mr.

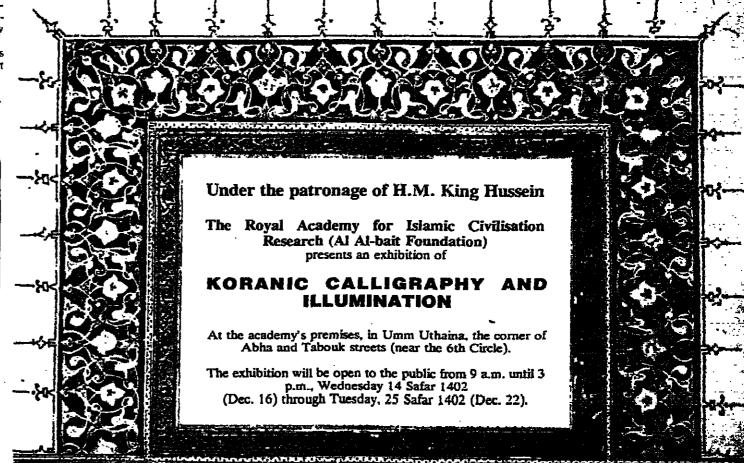
Mathias Mossberg. The Jordan Times had reported incorrectly in yesterday's newspaper that Ambassador Strombolm was resident only in Beirut.

Today's Weather

It will be increasingly cold and partly cloudy, with scattered showers in the north. Winds will be southwesterly moderate, freshening at times. In Aqaba it will be hazy, with northerly moderate winds and calm seas.

Overnight low Daytime high Amman Aqaba 23 Deserts Jordan Valley Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 19, Aqaba 25, Humidity

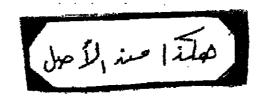
readings: Amman 28 per cent. Aqaba 27 per cent.







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ISRAEL'S unilateral annexation of the occupied Syrian Golan Heights, like many other similarly aggressive, illegal and predatory Israeli actions, is not explained only by the need of political Zionism to expand at the expense of Arab land and the Palestinian identity. It is also explained by the now obvious acquiescence of the government of the United States in such moves. We have seen Israel annex the greater Jerusalem area and the Golan Heights; we've seen it build over 120 settlements throughout the occupied territories; we've seen it destroy hundreds of Palestinian homes; we've seen it commit many other aggressive acts whose common theme is a desire to drive out of Palestine as many Palestinians as possible. We've also seen all this take place while annual American government aid to Israel has continued increasing to the point where every Israeli man. woman and child is receiving today over \$1,000 every year in official and non-official American financial

We are deluding ourselves if we put any faith in the statement of "regret" and "concern" issued by the American government's highest foreign policy official, Secretary of State Alexander Haig, about the Golan Heights annexation. Mr. Haig and his government have recently completed a memorandum of understanding with Israel on strategic cooperation. Why should be do anything other than slap Israel lightly on its wrists for annexing the Golan Heights? The conclusion that the Arab World draws yet again--after the case of Ziad Abu 'Ein, after the Golan annexation, after the strategic cooperation agreement--is that it is impossible to separate Israeli and American actions in the Middle East-or to separate responsibility for those actions. The absence of any Arab response allows the Americans and the Israelis to run wild in the Middle East, like two wild horses frolicking in green pastures.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Go where? -- Oh, Golan

AL RA'L: The Israeli decision to annex the Golan Heights comes as a result of the shaky Arab situation. The Israeli decision to annex Arab Jerusalem, the Israeli attack against the Iraqi nuclear reactor and the Israeli threats to Saudi Arabia had also highlighted the deteriorating Arab situation.

One can also assume that the Arab leaders are aware of this fact. The Arab leadership has the option to sidestep all the differences and sensitivities and work as one team to confront the dangers that threaten the very existence of the Arab Nation, or to keep on being satisfied with voicing denunciations and condemnations which are powerless to stop the Israeli aggression.

There is no point in talking about the Israeli intentions of aggression and expansion. Everybody is aware of them and realises that this talk can never absolve the "Arab Conscience" of its responsibilities towards future generations. The only way to achieve this is through solidarity and joint action.

Arab leaders are urged to break through this barrier of differences and sensitivities. Any Arab leader who embarks on this step, will not be judged as weak. Arab history and the Arab masses will interpret his action to be a responsible and brave pan-Arab action adopted in order to fend off the catastrophes befalling the Arab Nation.

The time factor no longer permits the continuation of Arab differences. Arab leaders face a historic option which is "to act or not to act", and history will bear witness.

Jordan has time and again warned against the destructive results of Arab differences and sensitivities. This has never been an act of outbidding on its part. It is high time the Arab leadership faced its responsibilities which means more than merely shedding, tears over the Golan Heights.

Where the money goes

AL DUSTOUR: The Jordanian minister of finance yesterday briefed the National Consultative Council on the draft law of the government general budget. This budget draft law clearly portrayed the government's plans for next year.

The JD 765 million budget shows a JD 127 million increase over the 1981 budget and an increase in local revenues which amounted to JD 228 million derived from an increase in local production. This proves that Jordan is on its way to close the gap between revenues and expenditures.

The minister of finance said that this budget is a step ahead to achieve our ambition to build a modern and strong Jordan. He added that this will not influence our commitments to stand by the Palestinian people and support their steadfastness in the occupied territories since Jordan believes that confronting the enemy is a pan-Arab responsibility. It is for this purpose that the budget concentrated on strengthening the Jordanian armed forces in order to enable them to fulfil their duty to defend the homeland, and to be prepare itself to liberate the occupied territories and to bring to an end the occupation which oppresses the Palestinian people and the holy lands.

It is regrettable that Libya and Algeria have not paid their promised share of the support money for Jordan. But other states like Saudi Arabia, Iraq, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait and Qatar have made an honourable stand. Not only have they paid their shares but provided the sums which Libya and Algeria

U.S., Israel find fewer Soviet Jews to haggle over

By Barbara von Ow

A SHARP FALL in the number of Jews allowed to leave the Soviet Union has opened a deep rift between U.S. and Israeli organisations in Vienna helping to resettle them.

After jointly handling over a quarter of million emigrants in the last decade, the two groups are quarrelling over the fate of the dwindling number now arriving in Vienna.

They agree that Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union, expected this year to fall below 10,000 for the first time since the exodus started in 1969, will become a trickle in the years ahead. But they are sharply divided about the reasons.

The Israeli side accuses American aid groups of having provoked a new Kremlin hard line by wooing a swelling number of emigrants away from Israel, the destination stated on their exit visas. But U.S. organisations, defending the principle of free choice of destination, link the decline solely to tensions in East-West relations.

The rift became evident when the Jewish Agency, which handles immigration to Israel, decided last August to change its assistance programme after receiving what it said were "broad hints of dissatisfaction", from Moscow at the high rate of emigrants settling in countries other than

Until then the agency referred all emigrants arriving in Vienna who chose not to go to Israel to two American Jewish organisations, the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS) and the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC).

Under its new procedures, the agency directed such emigrants to the two American bodies only if they had immediate relatives, such as parents, children or a spouse, in the U.S.

The new policy was implemented for a month during which the rate of departures to Israel immediately rose from 20 to 30 per cent. Barhuch Minkovitz, the agency's director in Vienna, told

Mr. Minkovitz accused HIAS of breaking an agreement on the issue shortly afterwards.

'Stealing' and 'forcing'

But Dr. Merryll Rosenberg, HIAS director in Vienna, said: "We don't want to be accused of stealing people. But people who did not want to go to Israel were literally evicted on to the street, so we helped them. They cannot force people to go to

Mr. Minkovitz retorted: We don't want to force anybody. But we don't want to be forced to help those who harm our interests."

"Moscow has made it known on several occasionsthat it will let fewer Jews out if more go to the U.S. This year 80 per cent have gone to the U.S. and look what happens -- last month we had fewer than 400 arriving here for the first time in

ten years." 'To get a visa for Israel and then decide in Vienna, when all pressure is gone, to go to America, is cheating the Soviet authorities. This slowly closes the door, and could liquidate Soviet Jewish emigration altogether," he said.

Objections to refugee status in U.S.

Mr. Minkovitz estimated that 200,000 to 400,000 of the three million Jews in the Soviet Union want to emigrate, and have received the invitations from relatives in Israel that they need to apply for a visa. Official Soviet statistics put the number of Jews in the country at around 1.8 mil-

The Jewish Agency objects to the U.S. granting Soviet Jewish emigrants refugee status. "As a lawyer, I simply cannot understand how someone with a visa for a free country can be considered a refugee," Mr. Minkovitz said.

Israel had repeatedly asked the Soviet Union to put Jewish emigrants aboard direct flights to Tel Aviv rather than use neutral Austria for transit, but without success, Mr. Minkovitz said.

He had asked thousands of emigrants whether they would still have left the Soviet Union knowing that they could go only to Israel, and note besaid no, he added.

Moscow does not care

In the view of HIAS officials, the Krendy reluctance to introduce direct transfer to have proves that Moscow takes no real interes in where the Jewish emigrants finally settle. "Moscow does not care where they are going"

Dr. Rosenberg said. "Soviet Jews are used in a

pawn in East-West relations." The Jewish Agency acknowledges that many Soviet Jews are not motivated religiously or call. turally to go to Israel. "But most of their item about Israel are prejudiced by Soviet top aganda," Mr. Minkovitz said.

In a heavily-guarded Red Cross welfare come outside Vienna, where emigrants are taken on outside Vienna, where the persuade them by showing films and books about the Zionis sale. But only a few change their minds, Mr. Minhoriz of the Jewish Agency said.

"If we asked them where they preferred to at to Israel or to the United States, we would be right away. They think America is paradise on earth." "But we think they are going from the form of exile to another." he added.

N'Djamena's uphill climb to recovery

By Tom Gilroy

A YEAR AFTER the guns stopped firing, the people of N'Diamena have set about patching the bullet holes, and with some modest success have begun the enormous task of restoring the war-ravaged city to a functioning

capital.

The process is already hindered by an acute shortage of money, both in the government and in the economy at large.

At the same time, renewed fighting in eastern Chad and the 10-faction coalition government of Chadian President Goukouni Queddei point up the fragility of the current peace in the capital. Nevertheless, widespread wear-

dawning realisation among officials and the city's people of the extent of destruction caused by last year's 11-month civil war, appear to have engendered a cautious optimism that the peace will bold.

"They are all sick of fighting," said a United Nations official living here since last summer. "And everyone I have talked to in the 20vernment realises that if it (war) starts again, N'Djamena is finished."

City of ruins

After separate rounds of fighting in 1979 and again last year, the city is largely in ruins. Buildings in

iness with the fighting, and a the centre of town, near the airport, and in several residential areas are little more than bulletriddled shells.

> Constant battles between the Libyan-backed forces of the Chad leader and those of former defence minister Hissene Habre, now in the bush in eastern Chad, wrought the havoc.

The once-majestic cathedral in the Place de l'Independence. its facade marred by a thousand builet and mortar holes, is still missing its roof, blown off in the early days of the war last year.

Amid the destruction, however, there are signs of restoration. And while progress falls well short of a wholesale face-lift, it, nevertheless, provides a small measure of

hope to anyone who saw this city shortly after the war.

Several buildings, like the chamber of commerce and treasury, have been plastered and repainted, and now function as government offices. A year ago. neither had a window intact nor a square metre of wall not gouged by small arms or rocket fire. Several other buildings -- the central post office and supreme court building -- are halfway there, with

Civil services pick up

plaster mottling their walls.

French technicians, working almost non-stop, expressed guarded hopes that international telecommunications would be re-established shortly.

Air service to Europe -- suspended in 1979 because of the war has started up again with one Air Afrique flight weekly. The airport terminal is still a blackened window case symbol of the ferocity of the battle for control of the airport last year; but Western technicians, cooperating with the United Nations, have got the control tower functioning again.

Services, non-existent since the war are working again, albeit intermittently, and electricity now

functions more often than not. Water is less reliable, although hotel guests can generally count on a cold shower sometime during the day, and garbage, that a year ago stood ankle-deep along the according to Mahamat Non

main Avenue Charles de Ganile

has been raked and burned The city's primary and high schools re-opened in October and director of one of three sections the primary school, carolin increases every day.

Those who fled come back

Despite the moribund state of Chad's economy -- the government acknowledges it is bankrupt -- commerce across the Chari River is heavy Trucks loaded with gasoline and hod lined up sometimes for days, on the Cameroun side, waiting for space on one of the three femine that link the two countries From dawn to the 5.30 pm free?

curfew, bundreds of small book mostly dug-out cances, ply the 500 metre of water, carrying an impressive volume of food, dothing, consumer goods, and nost importantly, people.
Some 50,000 of the 100,000 refugees that fled the fighting last year have come home, and with

from the city, thousands of those who requested asylum in Cameroun may now return to Chad, relief workers say. Both residents and relief work-

the departure of Libyan troops

ers here agree that the major factor in the refugees' decision to return has been an increase in sec-

Tension cases a little

Gone are the roving bands a armed teenagers. Even those installations still guarded - the presidency, radio station and as port -- have smaller, better disciplined contingents now.

More than just fewer game however, there has been a de-easing of tension since the cold fighting last December, who many residents expected in fragile coalition of several and ern and southern factions that is joined forces to defeat Mr. Habe

bullet-riddled state they were just after the war. And if game along the devastated Aven Charles de Gaulle has be cleaned up, the street is no class to a return to its pre-war street. N'Djamena's premier shopp

Economic questions remains

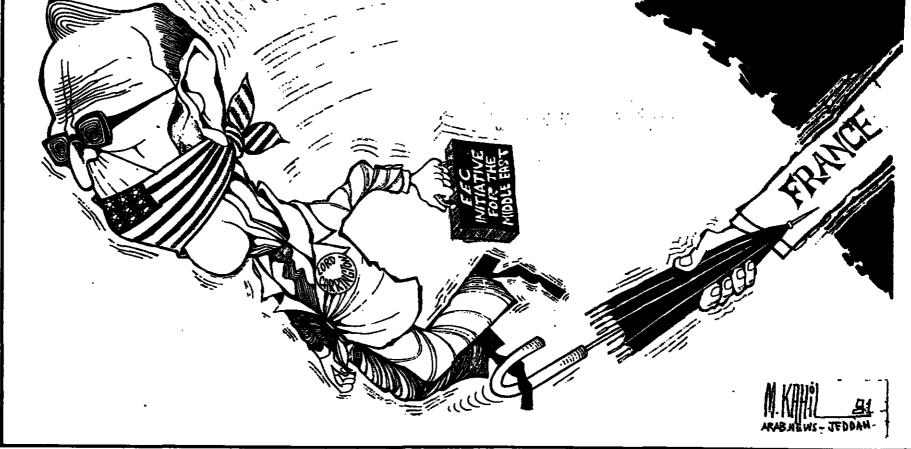
The economic problems in however, appear the most inustable. Always among the 10 por est nations in the earth, Charles economy has slid to the bins. disintegration after the last the rounds of war.

Cotton production, accord to sources in Camerous, dropped 70 per cent from pre-levels, and because seed and tiliser could not reach growing year, it will fall even lower уеаг.

The government last workers in May — and is wifted for a \$5.3 million loan from from ident Mitterrand's government resume salaries.

Two weeks ago outgoing (1) secretary general Kurt Walder called for reconstruction aid was some 200 million U.S. dollars about twice Chad's gross dones product -- in its best years in mid-70 \$.

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Namibia: Dreams of independence that often: serves only to illustrate on the enormity of the recovery to come. Thus while several builds others remain in the abandom to the restored, dozens to others remain in the abandom to other remains in the abandom to othe remains in the abandom to other remains in the abandom to othe vs. reality of mistrust and strife

By David Reid

WESTERN ATTEMPTS to secure an internationally-acceptable independence settlement for Namibia (South West Africa) face their toughest test in the new year. according to diplomatic sources in

Johannesburg.
South African and Western officials seem pleased by the progress made towards completing phase one of the Western peace mitiative -- agreement on constitutional principles for the future independent Namibia which would provide safeguards for minority ethnic groups among its one million population.

Hopes are that this phase can be completed by Christmas in further contacts between the Western five contact group - Britain, the United States, France, West Germany and Canada - and the African states concerned.

U.N. impartiality

But there is a shared awareness that phase two - dispelling South African and Namibian internal party doubts about United Nations impartiality in supervising free elections after a ceasefire, and the composition, strength and deployment of a multinational U.N. force - will pose serious

It was the impartiality issue

which led to the failure of the multi-party Geneva conference on Namibia last January, when the South Africans and the internal parties declared it was premature to set a date for implementing the peace process until the U.N. demonstrated it could fulfil its role without bias.

Their apprehensions will cer-tainly not have been diminished by the latest U.N. General Assembly call for sweeping sanctions against South Africa, its criticisms of the West and its renewal of support for the black nationalist freedom movement, the South West African People's Organisation (SWAPO) as the only legitimate representative of the Namibian people.

South African raids

On the other hand, Western officials say, South African raids against SWAPO bases inside Angola, Namibia's northern neighbour, and Third World suspicions about Pretoria's role in the abortive Seychelies coup have not eased the Western task in persuading SWAPO and its African supporters to speed a com-

promise. South African officials and leaders of the multi-racial Democratic Turnhalle Alliance (DTA) in Windhoek argue that U.N. bias towards SWAPO would hamper rather than safeguard the holding

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of really free and fair elections allegedly obstructing DTA dhock to entrench racial disenvisaged some seven months after a ceasefire ending the 15year bush war in Namibia.

Many of the people in the northern operational zone along the Angolan frontier would see U.N. troops as a "pro-SWAPO army" which would dissuade them from voting for opponents of the movement, according to these arguments. The operational area is home of

nearly half Namibia's total population and are the main recruiting ground for SWAPO. Other thorny issues include the size of the U.N. force -- 7,500 men under current U.N. proposals - as well as its deployment in the war zone and the monitoring of

SWAPO bases outside Namibian

the Ovambos, who make up

territory, particularly in Angola. Internal divisions

While the Western search for an independence package in 1982 goes on, the internal parties in Namibia are bitterly divided over strategy and the DTA led by millionaire white farmer Dirk Mudge is feeling the strain.

Mr. Mudge who also heads the territory's ministerial council which now enjoys wide executive powers, has recently been openly critical of South Africa and its administrator-general in Win- National Party majority in the

attempts to sweep away the last vestiges of racial discrimination in the territory, where the whites are a minority of 110,000.

The DTA, made up of white, black and coloured (mixed race) parties, was victorious in the December 1978 one-man, onevote elections to a constituent -now national - assembly. But the elections were not recognised internationally and SWAPO and several internal parties boycotted the polis.

DTA protests

The assembly, where the DTA won a majority of 41 of the 50 seats, recently adopted a motion calling on South Africa to respect the wishes of the people of Namibia.

Dirk Mudge, who has always rejected SWAPO charges that he is a South African puppet and describes himself as a Namibian, told the assembly that if South Africa denied the people its aspirations the DTA could face political suicide in elections for an independent Namibia.

The DTA complains that Administrator-General Hough has refused to amend the territory's provisional constitution a proclamation known as A.G. 8 - thus enabling the traditional dhoek, Danie Hough, for white ethnic assembly in Win-

crimination, particularly in edu-

The pro-apartheid National Party holds 11 of the 18 seats allocated for whites in the assembly and advocates a white South African-style apartheid in running the authority's affairs, while white South African civil servants employed in Namibia are also blamed for thwarting DTA reform Mr. Mudge attacked a state-

ment by Mr. Hough criticising the DTA attitude and deploring what the administrator called lack of recognition of South African aid to the territory -- South African Prime Minister P.W. Botha says Pretoria has poured three billion rand (more than \$3 billion) into Namibia's development.

"The DTA has a record of cooperation in the protracted quest for an internationallyacceptable solution for Namibia," Mr. Mudge said. "But if we are forced into a situation in which we can do nothing to amend A.G. 8, South Africa should not rely on our whole-hearted and enthusiastic cooperation,"

The DTA leader's statement reflected growing frustration among Namibian politicians and businessmen over the long and complex road to independence.

LONDON, Dec. 15 (R) — Gold and the dollar eased back on financial markets around the world today, losing some of the sharp gains made vesterday in the hectic reaction to the military

takeover in Poland. The West German mark, which came under particularly heavy pressure vesterday morning. strengthened further and has now recovered most of its losses

against the dollar. Dealers said the blackout on independent news from Poland had removed the influence of events there on the markets.

Gold, which is regarded by

money at times of political crisis, fell to \$413.25 an ounce at the morning fix in London and Zurich after closing at \$418.5 in London At one stage yesterday it

reached \$430 an ounce in Hong Kong, up from Friday's New York close of \$407.

Much of the dollar's gains yesterday were also wiped out on foreign exchange markets. The West German mark, which came under most pressure yesterday because of Bonn's position as Warsaw's largest trading partner in the West, was fixed at 2.2776 to

investors as a safe haven for their the dollar in Frankfurt today, from 2.29 vesterday.

Early yesterday it dropped to 2.3315 to the dollar before the West German central bank sold more than \$30 million to support it. Today the bank sold a further \$40.65 million.

The pound sterling gained from \$1.8670 at yesterday's London close to 1.8817 during trading. Dealers said there was a market feeling that the dollar had been overbought yesterday as investors looked for secure holdings.

But other markets, including They said Poland was unlikely London, Sydney and Amsterdam to influence the markets again before Christmas unless popular fell slightly.

Gold, dollar fall on money markets Three oil states offer protest became violent and the possibility of Soviet intervention Libya technical help

Stock markets around the world ABU DHABL Dec. 15 (R) -Kuwait and Iran today in offering technical help to Libya if its oil output suffered if and when U.S. technicians pulled out of the coun-

> The offer was made in a foreign ministry statement carried by the Emirates news agency (WAM). Kuwait said Sunday that it was

ready to help and Tehran radio, monitored in London today, said Iran could send experts and equipment.

The United States, accusing The United Arab Emirates joined Libya of plotting to kill President Reagan, last week urged U.S. nationals to leave Libya and restricted travel there by Americans. Libya denies any plot.

Oil ministers of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), meeting here last week, declined to adopt a formal position on the issue, with a majority arguing it was chiefly a political matter, but left it to individual members of the group to act as they saw fit.

U.K. cuts overseas aid

LONDON, Dec. 15 (R) — Britain's Conservative government, which has already trimmed its foreign aid programme by 15 per cent since 1979, announced a further cut yesterday.

Overseas Development Minister Neil Marten said foreign aid next year would be £950 million (\$1,767 million), £26 million (\$48 mil-

lion) less than formerly planned. Official British aid, as a percentage of gross national product, has been falling in recent years. In 1979 it amounted to 0.52 per cent and

last year 0.34 per cent. But government officials say that Britain is still the fifth most important donor of aid in the world.

Mr. Marten said the government had decided to allow the Commonwealth Development Corporation to borrow up to £15 million (\$28 million) a year for the next three years from non-government

Saudis to feed plants with cheap gas

BAHRAIN, Dec. 15 (R) — New Saudi Arabian oil refineries and chemical plants will have an edge over European rivals because they will be fed with cut-price gas, a senior Saudi official told the Middle East Economic Survey

The Saudis plan to tap huge volumes of gas to burn as fuel in new refineries and chemical plants, while the gas will also provide the chemical factories with new material. Most of the new plants will start up in three to four years' time, the official said.

The Saudi official, Abelhady Taher, governor of the state oil and gas company Petromin, told MEES, a weekly oil journal, that the Saudis would charge only 50 U.S. cents per million British thermal units for gas flowing to their plants. European gas prices range nearly 10 times higher.

There is no doubt that our export refineries and petrochemical projects will have an edge over European plants in terms of costs," Dr. Taher said.

MEES said the price was equivalent to only \$2.75 a barrel of crude oil. But Dr. Taher said it would start rising when the new ventures began to make a profit and would ultimately be linked with the price of Saudi light crude oil, now \$34 a barrel.

OPEC countries led by the Saudis plan to break into the world market for refined products. In Europe, refiners have been losing money, buying highpriced crude oil and selling products into a surplus-ridden mar-

Western oil companies plan to and say job losses are inevitable.

expected to export about 800,000 barrels daily of refined oil products by the second half of the 1980s. This, however, is less than 10 per cent of current Saudi crude

He also said that by 1987 the Saudis would probably have pushed their maximum submillion barrels daily. They now produce 8.5 million but could go up above 11 million in short bursts, experts believe.

Oil market analysts say any rise in Saudi capacity to pump oil is good news for the consumer as it strengthens the Saudis' ability to flood the market to enforce their moderate pricing goals on other stainable crude output level to 12 exporters.

Japanese aides to discuss trade friction

TOKYO, Dec. 15 (R) — A special Japanese cabinet council meets tomorrow to discuss ways of increasing imports and soothing strained trade relations with Western Europe and the United States, government officials said

were mainly quiet with no signs of

a repeat of yesterday's fall on Wall Street where the Dow Jones

industrial average lost more than

A number of markets, led by

Tokyo where the stock market

index rose 26 points to close at

7,680, made small gains as inves-

tors picked up bargains after yes-

terday's falls.

15 points to close at 871.48.

The council failed at an earlier meeting on November 17 to agree on any major steps to reduce

Japan's trade surplus with the U.S. and the European Economic Community (EEC), which is expected to reach more than \$30 billion in the current financial

The council only adopted minor measures, turning down plans for an accelerated emergency import programme under which raw materials, such as rare metals and crude oil, would be stockpiled to help redress the trade imbalance.

The International Trade and Industry Ministry (MITI) said it would submit a plan at the council meeting to review Japan's nontariff restrictions on imports for which Tokyo has come under heavy fire recently from its major

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON, Dec. 15 (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets today.

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Saudi rival

Germans drive a hard bargain on Soviet gas

By Kevin Done

FRANKFURT: The Soviet Union is being forced to take a dose of its own unpalatable medicine as it draws up the final contracts for its latest controversial natural gas supply deal with Western Europe.

In negotiating with Western plant contractors for pipes and equipment for the 5,500 km gas export pipeline from western Siberia, Moscow beat down prices to minimum levels by carefully shopping around world markets before playing off one equipment supplier against another. At the same time it took advantage of the cheapest available credit.

In its negotiations with the potential gas purchasers, however, the boot has been on the other foot. The actual prices of most international gas contracts are guarded

like the crown jewels, but it is evi-

dent from the agreement reached by Moscow with West German gas companies that the Soviet Union

tant concessions, back-tracking considerably from its original price demands. Dr. Klaus Liesen, chief execu-

tive of Ruhrgas, made plain at the week-end that the West German gas companies had been successful in holding the line against any demands for "crude oil parity" pricing. The natural gas price agreed with Moscow and the index-linking for future price movements have been tied "overwhelmingly" to heating oil and fuel oil prices in the West German energy market.

The point might appear technical, but is of crucial importance to

Western gas distributors, who want gas to remain a competitive fuel in their domestic energy mar-Dr. Taher said Saudi Arabia has this time had to make impor- kets in the face of demands for that such a high price was only

higher prices from leading gas

The call for parity pricing with crude oil has been led by Algeria with backing from other members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries. But it is being fought resolutely by most West European gas purchasers.

"The Russians had to realise that the prices they were demanding had to be kept in line with competing fuels, or else there would have been no agreement," said a Ruhrgas executive. As late as last May the Soviet

side was holding out for a higher price than that agreed last year by Ruhrgas and other continental gas companies with Statoil, the Norwegian state oil and gas company. for supplies from the North Sea Statfiord Field.

Those supplies -- around 2 billion cubic metres a year will come to West Germany - are understood to have been contracted at a price of \$5.50 per million BTU (British Thermal Units), and to have escalated since to around \$5.80 per cent million BTU. The gas will not start to flow until 1986, but Ruhrgas has made clear paid for strategic reasons.

Continental gas buyers were determined to ensure that the gas pipeline to be built from the northerly Norwegian gas fields would come ashore on the continent and not on the coast of the U.K., the competing bidder. For such relatively small quantities it was ready to pay a premium to ensure future strategic access to the estimated 1,200 billion cubic metres of natural gas available for recovery in northerly Norwegian

"One cannot buy further quantities at such prices," said Dr.

For the Soviet Union it was vital that agreement be reached with West Germany for the gas export project to succeed at all. West Germany is taking 10.5 billion cubic metres a year of the total 40 billion cubic metres a year that will begin to flow in 1984.

In return for concessions on price, however, the West German gas companies have agreed to fix a minimum price for the duration of the 25-year contract. Such a condition has rarely featured in earher contracts, but was included in the abortive supply contracts with Iran which were put on ice in the

aftermath of the Iranian revolu-

The clause is important to Moscow, which is facing an investment of an estimated \$15 billion in the new export pipeline system from western Siberia. The minimum price, which is not index-linked. guarantees Moscow a certain minimum rate of return on the project. Reports from Paris suggest that

the minimum price agreed by Gaz de France in its talks with Moscow is \$5.70 per million BTU. Ruhrgas has fixed its prices in D-Marks -not in dollars -- and will pay on a cif basis of gas delivered at the West German border with payments being made in D-Marks.

The trump card held by Ruhrgas is that it has negotiated on behalf of all the West German gas companies, a five-member consortium including Salzgitter Ferngas, Thyssengas BEB (a joint venture of Shell and Esso) and Deutsche BP.

Moscow could not divide and rule as it did so successfully with the plant contractors, and agreement with the consortium was its only chance of gaining access to the West German gas market.

-- Financial Times

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON, Dec. 15 (R) - Share prices closed slightly easier in very quiet trading, dealers said. At 1500 the F.T. index was down 1.9 at 511.

Prices tended to drift on lack of interest with no fresh news to influence trading, dealers added. Falls among leaders were generally limited to penny or two, as in ICl, Guest Keen. Blue Circle, Hawker Siddeley and Beechams. A £32.2 million rights issue left

ICL down 2p at 44p.

Gold shares eased by up to 150 cents, while North Americans were mixed.

Government bonds fell by up to 1/4 point in the long end following the lower U.S. bonds opening, dealers said. Short dates showed little change, as U.K. money market operations passed off smoothly despite today's large shortage of funds, they added.

Berkeley Hambro featured in properties with a 54p rise to 328p

following an agreed bid from town and county, up 1/4p to 31 1/4p. Arthur Guinness added 4p to 65p and northern foods was unchanged at 142p following final results from both companies. British sugar rose 13p to 411p amid renewed speculative demand.

Banks showed mixed movements, while oils were steady.

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Bahrain's National Day
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day Inn. 1:30 p.m.

MUSEUMS Military Museum: Collection of military memorabilia dating from the Arab Revolt of 1916. Sports City, Amman. Opening hours 9 a.m. 4 p.m., Sunday to Friday. Closed on Saturdays. Tel. 64240. Folkiore Museum: Jewelry and costumes over 100 years old. Also

mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman, Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Yearround, Tel. 51760

Popular Life of Jordan Museum: 100 to 150 year old items such as costumes, weapons, musical instruments, etc. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. closed Tuesdays, Tel. 37169

Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan, Jabal Al Qal'a (Citadel Hill). Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.). Closed on Tuesdays.

Jordan National Gallery: Contains

a collection of paintings, ceramics, and sculpture by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim countries and a collection of paintings by 19th Century orientalist artists. Muntazab, Jabal Luweibdeh. Opening bours: 10.00 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. -6.00 p.m. Closed on Tuesdays. Tel

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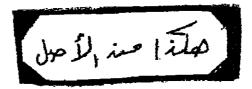
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SPORTS

Jordan rally given international status

AMMAN, Dec. 15 (Petra) - The Minister of Culture and Youth Ma'an Abu Nowar has said that the Jordan car rally has been recognised as an international event by the Paris-based International Federation for Motor Sports (FISA). He explained that the registration will pave the way for international competitors to participate in the annual competition and will no longer be restricted to Jordanian

The next Jordanian rally will be held on an international level on June, 3-4, 1982.

meeting Bjorn Borg or John

McEnroe in the first round of a

with the swirling White City wind,

Nastase reeled off his repertoire of

chips, dinks and backhand volleys

to take command of the one-sided

encounter. Nastase, chasing the \$400,000

Australian Open at Kooyong after

Christmas, claimed that his three

day's familiarisation of grass dur-

ing the Rio International Chal-

lenge in Adelaide last weekend

The years have changed for the

"I'm now slower and I'm not as

well prepared for matches as I was

five or 10 years ago." Nastase

added that he drinks a lot these

I'll take it easy and have maybe

four or five beers a day," Nastase

Then in typical wit, Nastase

·I'm still in the tournament so

prepared him for today's match.

four-times masters champion, and

winner of the U.S., French and

Italian opens.

days off court.

While McNamara came to grief

Nastase ousts McNamara in NSW Open

SYDNEY, Dec. 15 (A.P.) — A slower and uncommitted Ilie Nastase today defied his years to oust top seed Peter McNamara in the first round of the \$125,000 Robinsons New South Wales (NSW) tennis Open at White City.

Nastase, now 35 and ranked 72 in the world, produced his famed artistry and flair to inflict a 6-2, 6-4 trouncing on McNamara and throw open the top half of the tournament draw.

None of the seasoned tennis observers could recall the last time a top seed was beaten in the first round of the tournament.

What loomed as a potential opening round minefield materialised for 26-year-old McNamara, who admitted afterwards: "Ilie

took me by surprise". Nastase quipped to the media that he didn't "sleep very well"

when he first heard he had been drawn to meet the top seed.

He said it was terrible: "Like

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Muhammad Ali -- 'The Greatest'

NASSAU, Bahamas, Dec. 15 (A.P.) - Muhammad Ali stunned the sports world in the predawn. hours of an African morning when he regained the heavyweight championship by knocking out George Foreman.

The eastern sun had almost reached its noontime height when Ali, demonstrating a champion's heart, stopped Joe Frazier after 14 furious rounds to keep the title in the "thrilla in Manila." These performances were gems to be savoured.

Last Friday night under a Carribean moon, Ali lost a unanimous 10-round decision to Trevor Berbick in a performance that didn't

It was a piece of fool's gold mined by a man who before the fight talked about accepting challenges, about winning the title for a fourth time at age 40, 16 years after he won it from Sonny Liston as talkative Cassius Clay, the Louisville lip. Ali will be 40 Jan.

In the weeks before the Berbick fight. Ali worried that maybe the press would not come to his fight against a former Maitre D' on a cruise ship in this stopover for cruise ships.

Reporters came, of course, Ali's been a big story almost from the day he turned pro in 1960 after winning the light heavyweight championship in the Rome Oly-

But this time they were ambulance-chasing. In the wake of Ali's mismatch loss to Larry Holmes, the World Boxing Council (WBC) champion, Oct. 2 1980, the possibility that he could be hurt was a strong one.

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thing to ever hit the world." Ali's last real magic moment in the ring came when he stopped Frazier after 14 rounds of a grueling and exciting fight at Manila in

He won seven fights after that, but two of them were controversial decisions over Jimmy Young and Ken Norton. He also lost the title to inexperienced Leon Spinks and didn't show much in regaining the World Boxing Association's (WBA) share of the championship from Spinks.

After the second Spinks fight in 1978, Ali retired. But a shot at being champion a fourth time and \$8m brought him back against Holmes.

"I'm the master of illusion," Ali said before that fight. But he fooled himself, not Holmes, losing when he didn't go out for the 11th

Ali certainly became one of the biggest things to hit the sports world, and his celebrity did extend over sports boundaries, making him one of the best-known personalities in the world. He could

ence would be preferred.

draw instant crowds of city streets. Kids would approach him and pretend to fight him, and he would play along. A word, an autograph, a handclasp made people beam. He talked to presidents and kings.

A crowd of about 25,000 people showed up at the airport at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, to greet Ali for his fight against Joe Bugner in 1975. Thousands chanted "Ali, booma-yay (Ali, kill him)" when he fought Foreman at Kinshasa. Zaire, in 1974.

And while fighting was natural to him, controversy was com-

Ali angered many people when he announced after winning the title from the fearsome Liston in 1964 that he was a black Muslim and that he would be known as Muhammad Ali, not Cassius Clay, my slave name.'

Then he infuriated many Americans on April 28, 1967, when, with the Vietnam war going on, he refused induction into the army. "I ain't got nothing' against them Viet Congs," he said.

his stand against the U.S. government gained him a lot of admirers, too. While in Kuala Lumpur, he became frightened when surrounded by a large crowd on a visit

years in prison.

to a mosque. He told the Malaysian press that he could not lose because "Allah is in my corner." One night a Chinese cab driver asked a fare, "do you really think Allah is in his

victed of draft evasion, fined

\$10,000 and sentenced to five

He appealed, but was stripped

of championship recognition and

banned from the ring. His last

fight before that had been a

seventh-round knockout of Zora

Folley in his ninth title defence.

But Ali's embrace of Islam and

March 22, 1967, in New York.

In 1970, with the climate in the United States changed in connection with the Vietnam war. Ali came back to boxing, stopping Jerry Quarry on a cut in the third round Oct. 26 at Atlanta.

He next beat Oscar Bonavena, then fought for the title against Joe Frazier, who had become champion during Ali's exile. The fight, in which each man got a then-unheard-of \$2.5m, was held March 8, which meant Ali could be champion when he went to prison if the U.S. Supreme Court

ruled against his appeal in June. But Frazier knocked Ali down in the 15th round and won a decision to hand Ali his first loss as a

On June 28, 1971, Ali was leaving a store in Chicago, when the owner ran into the street after him and told him, "I just heard on the radio, the Supreme Court said you're free--an 8-0 vote."

All had perhaps his greatest victory, one that enabled him to go on and write some of the most exciting history in boxing.

He became the second man to win the heavyweight title twice--the other was Floyd Patterson--and the only man to win it three times.

He demonstrated heart, a granite jaw, poise and con artistry. Ali also announced on at least three occasions that he would not fight again. But while he was able to accept defeat in the ring with grace, he was unable to concede he had been caught and

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ROME. Dec. 15 (A.P.) — The

International Track and Field

Federation (IAAF) has ratified

British miler Sebastian Coe's

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1:41.73 minutes, secretary-

general John Holt said here today.

1:41.72, but a closer check of the

official timing put it at 1:41.72 and

we rounded it to a hundredth of a

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rules," Holt said. The other world records ratified included: Mile -

government's hand.

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"The record was first given as

Seb Coe's record ratified by IAAF

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1981 by Chicago Tribune

West made his normal

lead, and declarer saw that

even if he could develop the

club suit for four tricks, he

would still require a heart

ruff for his eleventh trick

Rather than surrender con-

trol of the heart suit, he

chose to ruff immediately. He

then tried the trump finesse,

losing to West's king. West

shrewdly shifted to his

singleton spade, but declarer

was not taken in. He rose

with dummy's ace and paus.

Obviously, declarer could

not allow East to obtain the

lead, for that defender had a

spade to cash. There was on-

ly one hope. Declarer over-

took dummy's last diamond

and drew the remaining

trump. He then led a club.

Had West produced the king.

declarer intended to let him

hold the trick. When West

played low, declarer finessed

the queen and breathed a

One hurdle remained, but

sigh of relief when it held,

that was surmounted easily.

West had shown up with

three diamonds and a

singleton spade. Since he

surely held seven hearts for

his vulnerable preempt, that

left room for only two clubs.

So declarer simply led a low

club from dummy. West won

the king, but the club suit

was now set up. Declarer lost

only a trick in each minor

justified his bidding.

South's fine play had

Sebastian Coe, Britain, 3:47.33

minutes. 110-metres hurdles -

Renaldo Nehemiah, South Africa.

12.93 seconds. Pole vault -

Thierry Vigneron, France, 5.80

metres. 25,000 metres - Toshihiko

Seko, Japan, 1:13:55.8 hours.

30,000 metres - Toshibiko Seko.

Japan, 1:29:18.8 hours. Women's

javelin - Antoaneta Todorova,

Holt said the federation was

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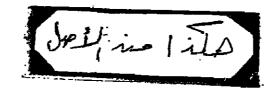
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By John Lawton

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on a time there really was illed Sindbad the Sailor -according to the crew and of the Sohar, a replica of a ntury Arab dhow that ed from Oman to China. oint of the voyage was to hat Sindbad's legendary are rooted in histroical and they certainly proved voyage itself is possible. In -built craft stitched with coconut string, and ig with medieval naviginstruments, British xplorer Timothy Severin w of 25 sailed the dhow ilometres (6,000 miles) Muscat and Canton.

n and his crew, of course, have to cope with the able monsters plagued s voyages, but they did er hazards. On several as they were nearly by giant tankers; another ir mainsail spar broke; ilmost a month they were d with little food and · inally, as they raced the is across the South China sy faced the threat of

, the voyage took just ght months. In addition, Severin spent some ars in research, travel and tion during which he he history of Arab sea-

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manship back to Egypt and followed its development in places like Oman, China and India.

The first people know to have used the sail were the ancient Egyptians; the earliest record of a sailing boat - a drawing of a ship with a mast amidships and a broad square sail hung from it - dates back to about 3900 B.C. It was an Egyptian who provided the first known mariner's tale: an anonymous first-person account of a shipwreck in the Red Sea around 2000 B.C., in which the mythical embellishments of the Sindbad period are instantly obvious.

"I had set out for the mines of the king in a ship 180 feet long and 60 feet wide; we had a crew of 120, the pick of Egypt. A storm broke and we flew before the wind. The ship went down; of all in it only I survived. I was cast upon an island ... then I heard the sound of thunder and thought it was a wave; frees broke and the earth quaked. I uncovered my face and found a serpent. It was 45 feet long and its beard was two feet long. Its body was covered with gold and its eyebrows were real lapis lazuli."

The serpent's looks, it turns out, were deceiving; it was a most considerate creature. It took the sailor tenderly up in its mouth, carried him to its lair, listened sympathetically to his story and then comforted him with the news that one of the Pharaoh's ships would soon come along and take him back home. When the rescue ship, as prophesied, did come along, the serpent sent the sailor off with a cargo of incense, and two mouths

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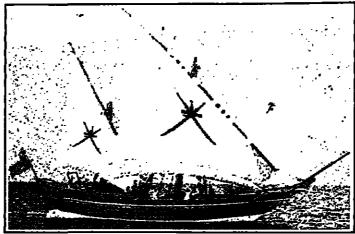
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later he was safely home.

Later, and farther east, the people living on the shores of the Arabian Peninsula also learned to sail and in time discovered that they could earn a profit by risking their lives on the sea. Among them were the boat builders and sailors of Makkan (or Magan) -- today's Oman -- who traded copper and ivory with Mesopotamia. Copper they could rely on prevailing world's ocean sucket winds to carry them eastward in sailor into oblivion. winter and westward in summer across the Indian Ocean. They could not explain these "monsoons," but this is not surprising since even today there are mysteries about them.

One theory is that when the summer heat of India causes the air to rise over the subcontinent, winds from the Indian Ocean rush into the vacuum left by the rising air. By the same token, the comparative coolness of Indian winters causes a reverse movement of winds from India to Africa. Whatever the cause, by the first century A.D. the south Arabian mer-



the ivory could only have come from India or Africa and the implication seems clear: Omani traders, even in 1000 B.C., probably ventured beyond the Arabian Gulf and sailed the open waters of

About 500 B.C. these seamen -the early Arabs -- also introduced the dhow: a broad-beamed, shallow-draft vessel with lateenrigged sails, ideally suited for the coastal waters of the Arabian Gulf and the comparatively mild waves of the Indian Ocean. Although relatively flimsy, it was light and manoeuvrable and could speed quickly out of the path of threatening weather. Its triangular sails, moreover, were designed to catch even the slightest breeze.

The key to their success, howmonosoon winds: the fact that

winds eastward as far as Ceylon, and by the sixth century, according to one geographer, had established a monopoly of the sea trade with China. In that era, the 6,000-mile vov-

China took at least 120 days and was then the longest sea trading route in the world: the ocean equivalent of the old Silk Road. It was probably the most dangerous too, with corsairs from the Hadhramaut prowling the Indian Ocean and Vietnamese pirates preying on shipping in the Gulf of Tonkin. Those that survived, or bought off the pirate threat, might still disappear without trace: sunk to the bottom of the sea, wrecked on some lonely, bostile coast or blown completely off course into ever, was the ancient secret of the the Pacific where, the Chinese

believed, the drain spout of the THE BETTER HALF, By Vinson

"Ironic, isn't it? I can have the phone in my name but the bill comes to you!"

was mined in Makkan itself, but chants were riding the monsoon

age from the Arabian Gulf to

world's ocean sucked the unwary For those who did succeed however, profits were high.

Because no European power had ever found a sea route to China, the Arabian role as intermediary in East-West trade grew and flourished. By the middle of the eighth century the flow of such precious goods as gold, ivory and gems from India, and silk and fine porcelain from China, had made Baghdad the most important commercial centre in the world, and for the next 500 years Muslim dominance of East-West trade

In the 13th century, however, the Mongols appeared and, in conquering China, razed the great port towns. As a consequence, Far East trade waned, and though it continued sporadically for some time, with Arab merchants meeting their Chinese counterparts in Ceylon and Malaya, the heyday of Arab trade with China was over. Partly because of the Mongol destruction, but mostly because, 200 years later, Vasco da Gama, a Portuguese explorer, rounded the Cape of Good Hope and opened a new trade route between Europe and the East.

This voyage, completed in I 448, effectively ended more than 700 years of Arab domination of Eastern trade. Ironically, though, it was an Arab seaman, the great navigator Ahmad Ibn Majid, who guided the Portuguese on the last vital leg of the voyage.

By then, of course, the Arabs had left an indelible mark on Southeast Asia; their dhows had not only carried merchandise, but had also spread Islam and Islamic culture as far as Indonesia and China. By then, too, the intrepid Arab sailors, roaming through 9,600 to 16,000 kilometres of unknown territory, had brought back endless tales of mishaps and adventures - as well as reports of exotic kingdoms bordering the Indian Ocean and China Sea. These stories -- repeated, embroidered, expanded and exaggerated were the basis of the epic of Sindbad the Sailor as immortalised in A Thousand and One Nights.

Until recently, the consensus among scholars was that Sindbad, the world's most famous sailor, never actually existed. The scholars said that the fables spun around him may have been versions of actual exploits and gave examples. One was Sindbad's nemod of collecting diamonds from a serpent-filled canyon: by 16 languages. dropping chunks of raw meat into

the canyon and retrieving the meat, with gems stuck to them, through the use of large birds. This story, they said, was first told by troops of Alexander the Great returning from India.

Another example was a story of an island that turns out to be a great fish. This tale, as Severin had cause to know, also figures in the life of the Saint Brendan, the medieval navigator-monk; on his voyage to Newfoundland, Saint Brendan and his Irish sailors did exactly what Sindbad and the Arab seaman did: they aroused the huge creature by lighting fires on its back.

In Oman, however, where the modern Sindbad voyage was launched, some Omanis firmly believe that Sindbad was real.

'We blieve" said Musalam Ahmad, one of the nine Omanis on Sohar, "that there really was a sailor called 'Sindbad' who had some adventures.'

Severin agrees. "The Sindbad chroniclers took one captain and added other adventures to his own," he said, adding that it was this embellishment and expansion of his exploits, that eventually turned Sindbad from a man --"who came from Sohar but operated out of Basra" -- into a myth. Severin and the Omanis, in fact, believe this so strongly that they named the dhow that they planned to sail to China Sohar, after the town in Oman where they say Sindbad was born.

In a sense, Severin, a tea planter's son born in India, is the ideal man to explore a world where fact and fantasy mingle. While an undergraduate at Oxford, he rode a motorcycle along Marco Polo's route to China -- a trip resulting in his first book Tracking Marco Polo. This was followed by Explorers of the Mis-

sissippi - for which he navigated

the length of the river by canoe and launch -- and four other books on the history of exploration. Those journeys, however, were just practice for his first major success: sailing an open leather boat across the North Atlantic to show that Irish monks could have been the first Europeans to reach North America, as medieval

legends about Ireland's sixthcentury Saint Brendan suggested. In a boat of oxhide - a type used by medieval Irish sailors - Severin survived fierce storms off Greenland and a puncturing caused by a small iceberg and then wrote a book about it: The Brendan Vovage which became an inter-

The Saint Brendan voyage,

Severin says, also led to the Sindbad voyage. "We were sitting off the coast of Newfoundland, when I suddenly realised I had a winner: building and sailing replicas of ancient boats."

But to create public interest, he went on, he also had to have a character like Saint Brendan. 'Suddenly," he says, "the figure of Sindbad appeared in my mind." It was natural. The legendary

voyages of the world's best known mariner, never seriously studied before, "were ripe for investigation." On publication of The Brendan Voyage, therefore, Severin began to pore over ancient trading documents, maps, shipwrights' plans and museum exhibits. Later, when his research led him to Oman, he also began to walk the coastline - measuring and sketching the rotting rib-cages of long-abandoned dhows half buried in the sand.

At first, the Omanis took little notice of the stranger poking around their beaches. "I had written to tell them about my project but apparently they had forgotten," says Severin. But then, on the eve of his departure, he was asked by the ministry of national heritage and culture to give a lecture and showed his audience. which included the minister himself, a film be had made of The Brendan Voyage.

Severin, of course, thought he had finally attracted some attention, but though he was presented with an old Omani sword in appreciation, nothing more was said. Hardly had he returned to his home in County Cork, Ireland. however, when he received a telegram asking him to return immediately to Oman. There the ministry, with approval of His Majesty Qaboos Bin Said, Sultan of Oman, offered to sponsor Severin's Sindbad project.

"I never actually asked them to sponsor it," says Severin, "they simply decided to do it themselves.

At that point, the research phase ended and the construction phase started. With the help of Omani shipwrights, Severin set about building an authentic replica of the kind of boat Sindbad might have sailed to China over 1,000 years ago. Based on early Arab and Persian sketches and written descriptions of ninthcentury, deep-sea trading vessels, he and the shipwrights designed a ship 26 metres long, with a 6.4 metre beam, and two metre draft. It was built of hand-sawn wooden planks sewn together with handrolled coconut rope, no nails, and was powered by two triangular the Sohar.

cotton sails, no engine.

They quickly found out, however, that both the materials for such a craft and the craftsmen were scarce. To find both, Severin had to scour the most backward and remote places of the region. where traditional boat-building methods still survive. He found some shipwrights in Oman, for example, but to recruit the rest also had to go to Laccadive Islands, a territory of India off India's western coast. For timber for the hull he had to go to the forests of southern India; there Arab shipwrights of long ago had found and selected their timber and had it hauled out by elephants.

The coconut rope, also from India, was far more difficult to find. As it would be the only thing holding the ship together, it had to be very strong, but most Indian rope makers had long since abandoned the practice of soaking it in seawater -- a process once used to give it the strength Severin needed. For weeks, therefore, Severin roamed the west coast of India chewing rope -- literally. "People thought I was mad, but it was the only way I could tell it had been soaked in salt water," says Severin.

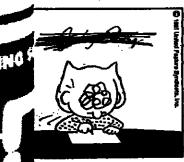
Finally, from the island of Agatti, came some coconut rope soaked in seawater. But as he was forbidden by government restrictions to go there himself, Severin had to remain on the mainland "tasting" coils of rope sent over by the islanders until he had enough: in all 640 kilometres.

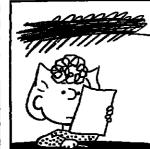
At last, however. Severin was able to assemble his men, his wood and his rope at Sur, on the southeast tip of the Arabian Peninsula. Once one of the busiest boat building and trading towns of the Gulf, Sur, when Severin arrived, was a ghost town in which declining trade with India and East Africa. had forced its traders to sell their boats, and had compelled its famous shipwrights to put away their

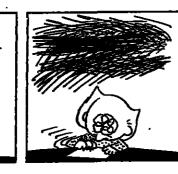
The arrival of Tim Severin, his

45-man work force and their tons of materials and supplies soon revived Sur. Spurning modern accommodation, for example, the boat builders chose as their headquarters a 300-year-old, sea front bome, empty since the drowning of the owner and his six sons in a sea tragedy 30 years before. Severin and his "green shirts" -- so called because of the green smocks his Arab shipwrights wore -- gave the rambling, two-storey house a fresh coat of whitewash, moved in and set to work building

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now by applying yourself more in career matters. Sidestep one who has an eye on your assets. VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Listen to what a good friend suggests today and avoid family confrontations.

Don't waste time with strangers. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Any monetary matters you have in mind can be worked out to your advantage if you

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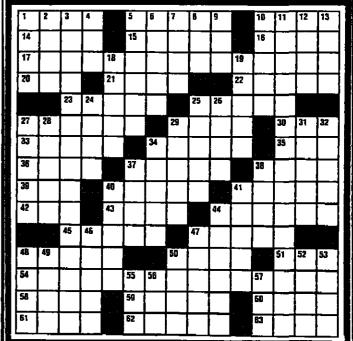
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ference on science and world

She would not disclose the loca-

tion of Mr. Dobrosielski, who had

signed out of the hotel he had been

staying in while attending a work-

shop of Pugwash, a privately

organised international forum.

Also stranded were the 13 mem-

bers of a visiting delegation of the

Solidarity. A spokesman said all

hoped to return to Poland "as

operator said today that telephone

service between Moscow and

Warsaw would be not be restored

Iranian human

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (A.P.) -

A group of former U.N. human

rights commissioners, seeking to

alleviate "the growing crisis of

human rights and their denial"

under the Iranian revolutionary

regime of Ayatollah Ruhollah

Khomeini, have formed an inter-

national committee for the

defence of human rights in Iran.

was deputy permanent U.S. rep-

resentative to the United Nations

when the American hostages were

taken in Tehran on Nov. 4, 1979.

announced the creation of the

committee at a news conference

here yesterday. A similar

announcement was made in

must bring to the world's attention

... and especially to the attention

of the United Nations, the grow-

ing crisis of human rights and their

Mr. Vanden Heuvel cited

réports by Mansour Farhang, once

chomein's representative on a

U.N. commission of inquiry into

the hostage-taking and now an

exile, who says more than 3.000

people have been executed in Iran

The committee is planning to

hold hearings and ask that the

U.N. commission for human rights

place the Iranian issue on its age

sions that Khomeini would pay

This year's session dealt almost

entirely with the economy, and

comments quoted in the press

praised Zhao's principles of giving

priority to agriculture and consumer goods and tightening up on

responsibility within the industrial

pone until next year consideration of a revision of China's 1978 con-

The congress agreed to post-

One revision issue is expected

to be clearer definition of the con-

gress' powers. Foreign analysts

say the problem of harmonising

system.

attention to the commission.

However, he said he had no illu-

Mr. Vanden Huevel said.

Mr. Vanden Heuvel said: "we

Geneva, he said.

denial in Iran."

Iran's prisons.

William Vanden Heuvel, who

rights abuses

In Moscow, a Soviet overseas

soon as possible."

before next Sunday.

New group

to probe

affairs on the weekend.

WORLD

Lech Walesa said under house arrest despite reported talks

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 15 (R) — A spokesman for the Solidarity union said here today that union leader Lech Walesa was under house arrest in an unknown location.

Stefan Trzcinski, spokesman for the Warsaw branch of the free trade union, said that according to the travellers' reports Mr. Walesa had been seized by the military authorities in the Baltic port of Gdansk on Sunday and flown to Warsaw for talks with Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski, Poland's military

When a state of emergency was declared in Poland on Sunday the authorities rounded up many Solidarity leaders. However, a government spokesman said Mr. Walesa had not been arrested but taken for top-level talks with the authorities and was being treated "with all due respect" as head of

Solidarity. Mr. Trzcinski said today that news of Mr. Walesa's arrest came from passengers on the ferry Silesia, which arrived at Nynaeshamn, near Stockholm. from Gdansk yesterday.

Mr. Trzcinski, who is on a private visit to Sweden, told Reuters by telephone that Mr. Walesa had said he would only negotiate with the authorities if he could speak first to his own political advisers and to Poland's Roman Catholic foment trouble.

refused to talk to Gen. Jaruzelski and he was then placed under house arrest, Mr. Trzcinski said. The spokesman did not explain how the travellers he was quoting, described as ordinary people from Gdansk, had obtained this infor-

primate, Cardinal Jozef Glemp.

The authorities turned down

these conditions, Mr. Walesa

VIENNA, Dec. 15 (R) — Polish authorities reported a disciplined response to martial law in Warsaw today and said factories, shops and transport were operating normally

But travellers reaching Sweden by ferry from Poland said the situation in provincial towns was tense and military traffic heavy.

Direct information from Poland was thin. Western news agencies have had their communications

from Warsaw cut since yesterday. Eastern bloc news agencies carried reports from the Polish news agency PAP saying that the situation was calm despite a charge by authorities yesterday that "professional agitators" were trying to

1 Pole, U.S. accomplice sentenced in spy scandal

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 15 (A.P.) - Convicted Polish spy Marian Zacharski was sentenced to life in prison yesterday, and his American co-defendant. William Holden Bell, was sentenced to a maximum of eight years in prison and fined \$10,000.

"I agree with the prosecution that we must say to you, Mr. Zacharski, and those who will follow. that we will not tolerate this," U.S. District Judge David Kenyon said. Zacharski showed no emotion on hearing the sentence.

His lawyer, Edward Stadum, said he does not know if he will appeal the case or whether there is a possibility Zacharski could be traded for an American in Poland.

Zacharski, 30, was convicted mit espionage. He had been posing as a Polish businessman while paying Bell, and aerospace engineer at Hughes Aircraft Corp., for defence secrets.

Bell and Zacharski met while living in the same seaside condominium complex in Playa del

PEKING, Dec. 15 (A.P.) — After active criticisms of the gov-

ernment and talk of more power

for legislators in last year's session

of China's National People's Con-

gress, the 1981 session passed

in 1980, at least nominally, it still

was the government of Hua

Guofeng, chosen successor of the

China's real top leader. Deng

Xiaoping, who had bounced back

from being purged twice in the turbulent 1966-76 "Cultural

Revolution," was easing Hua out,

The 1980 session took the pre-

with help from the congress.

late chairman Mao Tse-tung.

One major difference was that

with few ripples.

Bell testified during Zacharski's month-long trial that his spying began in 1978 when he needed extra money to buy his apartment. which was being converted into a

"I certainly wish I didn't do it, but I did," Bell said during the trial. "I took money from Mr. Zacharski for betraying my country and I'm very ashamed of it." Bell said he received a total of

Records showed Bell was in debt from the day he started at Hughes in 1952. He filed for bankruptcy in 1976, owning \$20,000 back taxes and nearly \$30,000 in credit card charges, finance company loans and other debts.

In a sidelight to the case, newsapaer reports told of a spy novel written by Bell about a hero working with French agents at the Central Intelligence Agency's (CIA) request who is doublecrossed. A writer who said he was asked to edit the book described the fictional hero as a fantasised version of Bell himself.

mier's job away from Hua. In this

year's session, which began Nov.

30 and ended Sunday, the Com-

munist Party criticised him for

sticking to Mao's unrealistic,

overambitious and disruptive "lef-

tist" mistakes and ousted him as

New Premier Zhao Ziyang, a

Deng ally, addressed the congress

this time, outlining cautious policy

of slow economic growth for at

least five years and expressing

hopes that China would be mod-

A resolution praising Zhao's

report for telling the bad as well as

the good was passed unanimously,

without even any of the handful of

estly well off by the year 2000.

party chairman too.

1981 Peking congress completes Hua's ouster

Solidarity said last night that strikes were taking place in at least seven parts of Poland and that it was directing operations from the shipyard in Gdansk where it sprang into being last year.

It also claimed troops had ringed occupied factories as an apparent prelude to evicting strikers overnight. There was no meution of such action in the PAP reports today.

East bloc agencies including TASS quoted PAP as saying a strike had been thwarted at the Katowice steel mill and the ringleaders arrested but it was not clear whether this referred to events today.

PAP said the men, and two others arrested in Lodz while trying to whip up a crowd, would be tried under martial law.

The Polish agency, while acknowledging actions by "counter revolutionary elements" in some places, said all the big Warsaw factories were working and that supplies of bread and milk to shops were better than yesterday.

The reports of tension came from travellers who arrived at ystad in southern Sweden aboard ferrys from Poland today.

The travellers said roadside telegraph wires had been cut in some places and that police had tom down Solidarity posters or daubed them with grey paint.

Military traffic was dense with Polish tanks on the move towards Warsaw and frequent army checkpoints on the roads.

Olle Persson, manager of a Swedish boxing team which was in Wroclaw when the crackdown came, said they crossed several armed roadblocked on the 450 kilometre drive back to the port of Swinouiscie.

The atmosphere in Wroclaw and in the towns we travelled through yesterday was tense."

He said the team was wakened on Sunday morning by a squadron of military helicopters clattering over their hotel. Boxer Stefan Bengtsson, 19. added: "People we met appeared to be very worried and concerned over the situation."

The ferry is one of the few links left between Poland and the out-

However, officials at Austria's main refugee camp at l'raiskirchen were gearing for a large influx of Polish refugees.

GENEVA, Dec. 15 (A.P.) — Poland's deputy foreign minister remained stranded in Switzerland today by a cutoff of airlinks imposed by Warsaw during his

Last year, in a change from past

patterns, there were a few dis-

senting votes on some matters. A

government minister had to fend

off a flurry of questions on a

problem-plagued steel mill pro-

ject at Baoshan, near Shanghai,

and legislators were quoted in the

official press as saying it was time

for the congress to stand on its

own feet as an independent organ

the army, said a legislator should

reflect his electors' will "rather

Chen Haosu, a delegate from

of state power.

a few other resolutions.

Pope delivers puritan lecture

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 15 (A.P.) - Pope John Paul II shut the door today on any change in the church's ban on artificial birth control and reaffirmed the practice of prohibiting divorced Catholics who remarry from receiving the sacraments.

In his most comprehensive statement on family issues, the pontiff declared the truth "is not always the same as the majority opinion.

In the 167-page document, the Pope also made these points:

Catholic education must stress self-control and the "absolute necessity for the virtue" of virginity or chastity.

- "Trial marriages" are unacceptable because they demonstrate the "unconvincing nature of carrying out an experiment with human beings."

- Pastors should not turn down couples asking to be married in church for motives which are social rather than religious unless they reject "explicitly and formally what the church intends to

-- The church must "tirelessly insist" that the work of women in the home be recognised and respected. "The true advancement of women requires that clear recognition be given to the value of their materal and family role. The mentality which bonours women more for their work outside the home than their work within the family must be over-

Afghan rebels blow up Kabul sentry box

ISLAMABAD, Dec. 15 (A.P.) -Afghan urban guerrillas blew up a sentry box outside the United Nations staff house last Thursday in Kabul, the Afghan capital, according to a delayed Western diplomatic report received here

There were no injuries in the explosion because the Afghan soldiers normally occupying the guard shelter were at that time inside the U.N. compound, located in the Shaurinau section of

15 (R) — The judge in the Arkansas "monkey trial" lost his temper yesterday with witnesses defending a state law forcing schools to teach "creation science."

Teaching religion in state-run schools is forbidden by the U.S. Earlier, the judge interrupted for one of them." Dr. Morrow, who argued that

the U.S. scientific community had ganged up to suppress publication of creationist ideas, admitted he could not cite a single example of

day five of this esoteric debate on the origins of man, Arkansas had its law and only one had escaped side described as "ludicrous,

The other side is the American Civil Liberties Union, which is challenging the law as an uncon-

Riots reported in Nigeria

LAGOS, Dec. 15 (R) — Two people were killed in rioting in Nigeria's northern city of Kano on Sunday, according to eyewitness reports later confirmed by police. the Daily Sketch newspaper said today.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

STANFORD, Connecticut, Dec. 15 (A.P.) - Soviet Actress

Zoya Fyodorova died of a single gunshot wound and not of a heart

attack in her Moscow apartment, her American son-in-law said

today. Frederick Pouy, husband of Zoya's daughter Victoria, said

a cousin and close friend of the family in Moscow told them by

telephone that they saw the death certificate in the city morgue,

"It said Zoya was shot once in the back of the head," Pouy quoted

the cousin as saying, speaking for his wife, whom he described as

too grief-stricken to come to the phone. Pour told the Associated.

Press from his home that the 69-year-old actress not own a gun.

"It is ridiculous to think she committed suicide," he added. "We

Sadat residence demolished with others

CAIRO, Dec. 15 (R) — One of the late Egyptian president

Anwar Sadat's favourite resthouses, overlooking the Giza

pyramids, was demolished today on the orders of his successor.

President Hosni Mubarak. Bulldozers razed the resthouse and

numerous other chalets dotting the descrt plateau which over-

looks one of the world's most famed group of monuments.

Archaeologists had suggested the sewage system to the chalets may have caused a recent crumbling of the brick foundations of

the Sphinx, below the pyramids. Many of the buildings were

erected illegally and Mr. Mubarak instructed that the presidential

resthouse be demolished to show there was no favouritism in the

PRETORIA, Dec. 15 (R) — Five Soviet-made limpet mines

exploded at a power station here last night, blacking out a large

area of the South African capital, a high police official said today.

No one was injured in the blasts, the latest in a series of attacks on

power plants and other key installations. But electricity supplies

to nine Pretoria suburbs were disrupted and damage was esti-

mated at many thousand rand. Urban guerrillas of the banned

African National Congress (ANC), which seeks to overthrow the

white government by force, have either claimed responsibility or

been blamed for many of more than 20 bomb attacks in South

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (A.P.) - The U.S. State Department

yesterday released a 37-page research paper detailing what it

called Cuba's effort to coordinate, train and arm violent revolu-

tion throughout Central America. The paper says Cuba's rule has

been to unite disorganised insurgents in Nicaragua, El Salvador,

Guatemala and Honduras into forces capable of fighting the

governments -- and then training into arming the guerrillas and

LAGOS, Dec. 15 (R) — The Nigerian Foreign Ministry's offices were completely destroyed by a fire in the centre of Lagos last

night. Eyewitnesses gave conflicting reports about the number of

people injured in the blaze which firemen suspect was caused by

an electrical fault or short circuit. One fireman said four people

had been rescued from the ministry suffering from minor injuries.

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec. 15 (A.P.) — The United States fully

initiative for the formation of a coalition government in Cam-

bodia, U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asia and

Pacific Affairs Daniel O'Donohue has said. "Our basic policy has

been in support of ASEAN and the ASEAN position on Cam-

bodia," he told reporters after talks with Malaysian Foreign

Minister Ghazali Shafie. ASEAN -- Thailand, Malaysia, The

Philippines, Indonesia and Singapore — has called for the removal

of all foreign troops from Cambodia and the formation of a

government chosen by the Cambodian people in free elections. It

supports a coalition of the forces of the ousted Khmer Rouge

regime, former head of state Prince Norodom Sihanouk and

ex-premier Son Sann. However, Mr. O'Donohue said that

Washington had no plans to provide military assistance to its

guerrillas opposed to the Vietnamese-backed Heng Samrin

TRAISKIRCHEP, Austria, Dec. 15 (R) — Officials at Austria's

main refugee camp predict a big influx of Poles in the wake of last

suddenly subsided after Prime Minister Wojciech Jaruzelski imposed

martial law on Poland and effectively sealed the country's borders.

A flood of asylum-seekers pouring in at a rate of up to 300 a day

Austrians expect Polish

tourists to seek asylum

weekend's military clampdown.

camp officials said.

U.S. lauds ASEAN Cambodian plan

U.S. paper alleges Cuban sins

promoting terrorism to weaken the governments.

Fire destroys Nigerian ministry

Explosions cause Pretoria blackout

think it was murder."

plan to clean up the plateau.

Africa this year.

Soviet actress allegedly murdered

Armed police cordoned off government house in Kano in case of a mob attack, it added. More than 4,000 people died in rioting in Kano last December, and four died in rioting there last July.

The newspaper, which supports the opposition in Lagos, said the latest rioting began shortly after the national convention of the split People's Redemption Party ended last Sunday in Kano.

It said a mob attacked buildings and vehicles, and tore down portraits of the Kano state governor. Alhaji Abubaker Rimi. Police said they found two bodies after the riot, had made several arrests, and were investigating the dis-

The people's redemption party solit into two factions, one led by Alhaji Amino Kano, supporting President Shehu Shagari's National Party, and the other led by Gov. Rimi, supporting the opposition.

Salvadorean troops capture rebel radio

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador, Dec. 15 (A.P.) - Army troops captured the guerrillas' clan-destine radio "Venceremos" (we will win) transmitter in a surprise attack during a sweep through the northern province of Morazan, a military spokesman has said.

He said the transmitter was captured Saturday evening at a guerrilla base called Joya del Volcancillo about 112 kilometres northeast of the capital.

Loss of the radio, which transmitted for two hours daily and which could be monitored from Mexico to Costa Rica, likely will be a severe blow to the leftists' ability to counteract government publicity campaigns.

The radio station had been off the air for more than a week. Military officials speculated that was because guertillas had trouble getting cassettes to the transmitter because of the fighting in the area.

State witnesses sound silly at Arkansas 'monkey trial'

LITTLE ROCK. Arkansas, Dec. expressed a series of opinions and

Judge William Overton, who has to rule whether it is scientific to teach that man did not descend from the apes, made a series of withering challenges as the state called religious fundamentalists and others to support its law.

When teacher Jimmy Townley asked rhetorically why schools should not teach supernatural creation as well as evolution, the judge broke in and snapped: because it's not Sunday school."

constitution.

testimony by South Carolina chemistry teacher William Morrow after two hours, declaring: 'Wait, wait, wait. You have a problem, doctor. I have been sitting here since 10:30 and you have I have not heard a single fact cited

When the court adjourned after

called five witnesses in defence of being drawn into what the other damaging".

stitutional attempt to sneak religion into state-run schools.

Creationists say the law, prescribing equal weight for evolution and their theory that a supernatural act created the universe a few thousand years ago, may sound like the book of Genesis but is really science.

Sri Lanka -- pinning almost every hope on a river

meetings" to approve decisions of a difficult one.

abstentions that were recorded on the Communist Party.

By Keith Stafford

MADURA OYA, Sri Lanka — Engineers from Canada and Europe are repeating history in Sri Lanka, following the example of ancient kings who undertook massive water conservation projects across the country to improve irrigation.

Historians credit King Parakramabahu, who died in 1186, with saying not one drop of water on the island should escape to the sea without being used by man.

He supported his own advice by building a huge reservoir, covering nearly 2,400 bectares at the city of Polonnaruwa, in the centre of the

country. It is still a source of irrigation water today. Now, the Sri Lankan government is undertaking an enormous scheme -- estimated by the finance ministry to cost \$2 billion -- to hold back the waters of the 530 kilometres Mahaweli River, which runs from the tea plantations of the Sri Lankan highlands down to the

sea beside the north-eastern port of Trincomalee. Like many Third World countries, Sri Lanka, formerly known as Ceylon, is plagued by geography and climate which inhibit development, in its case the passage of monsoon rain across the country twice

Between May and July, torrential rain slashes across the south and west of the country, while from December to January deluges fall on the north and east.

These downpours serve only to muddy baked-hard dry topsoil and subsequent rain runs off quickly along the rivers to the sea, with drought following in their wake.

Sri Lanka again this year suffered from serious drought and in August the government estimated half-a-million of the 15 million population were being affected, with food supplies dwindling.

Sri Lanka also faces the rising costs of importing fuels and meagre foreign exchange earnings with which to pay for them. Thus it needs to increase power generation at hydroelectric plants, a need the finance ministry said in a recent report "cannot be overemphasised". The Mahaweli project is an answer to both major problems and a key to the country's development.

than merely putting up his hand at these powers with party strength is

It involves building four dams along the river basin to trap the monsoon rain, with water initially used as power for hydroelectric stations, doubling the country's hydroelectricity generating capacity, and then moved either beyond the dams or through tunnels to adjacent valleys to increase the country's irrigated land by about 4.050 hectares.

The original plan for Sri Lanka's largest ever development project, was for five dams, but had to be reduced because of rising costs. The largest project is the \$250 million Victoria project partly

financed by a £100 million grant by the British government. British engineering and construction companies are now building a 555-metre long dam rising to 440 metres high across the river as it emerges from the highlands not far from the old capital of Kandy.

The dam will trap about 730 million cubic metres of water, ultimately generating 210 megawatts of hydroelectric power. So far the river has been diverted away from the site and water tunnels are being built to carry water to the power station. Further downstream, the river will again be delayed on its seaward

journey at Kotemale Dam, being built by Swedish companies with the financial support of about 630 million Swedish crowns (\$120 million) from the Swedish government. This project ran into geological problems due to unstable soils at the original site to the scheme was shifted downstream and now work

has started on a planned 200 megawatt power station.

The Madura Oya project here in the eastern part of the river basin. 30 kilometres across swirling dust roads from the nearest town, will create a reservoir for holding irrigation water to feed both the valley below the dam and pipe water through a six kilometres tunnel to an often parched neighbouring valley. About 75 Canadians, 200 local staff and 1,500 Sri Lankan workers are involved in the project which is costing 110 million Canadian dollars (\$13,3 million), with the Canadian government providing a loan of 76 million Canadian dollars (\$92 million).

The work started in Oct. 1980 and Andre Jordan, the Canadian project manager, says he expects to trap monsoon waters flowing down from the highlands after the rains fall towards the end of 1982.

The fourth dam, the Randenigala/Rantambe reservoir, is still at the planning stage, with technical assistance from the West German government.

The dams are the most spectacular part of the project, but the overall plan embraces canals and irrigation channels across the river basin. New associated industries, such as forestry, are being developed, roads laid and prefabricated housing hauled into planned new settlement sites alongside the new water flows.

Finance for these works is coming from Japan, the Netherlands, the World Bank and the Middle East.

Financing so far has been steadily forthcoming for the project, but sheer size of the overall plan is causing some concern. The World Bank has noted it will be exhausting 55 per cent of Sri Lanka's development resources next year.

In July, 17 countries which extend aid to Sri Lanka met in Tokyo and decided to give it 723.44 million Special Drawing Rights, the international currency created by the International Monetary Fund

The Sri Lankan finance minister, Ronnie de Mel, told parliament after the aid announcement the special drawing rights would be worth about \$948 million but warned: "If we are to continue with the massive development programme on which we have embarked we must raise substantial additional resources of our own, chiefly by new taxation. There is no easy road to development.

Camp staff, who had been working day and night to cope with the arrivals, welcomed the sudden hall but many now believe hundreds of Poles at present visiting Austria on tourist visas may decide not to "A mood of shock and depression has settled over the camp." People just lie on their beds waiting," said Karl Radek, director of the Traiskirchen camp which has been bursting at the seams since the Polish exodus started last summer. "The Polish wave has stopped abruptly. It's not been so quiet here for a long time. But who knows what will happen," he added. This year about 30,000 Poles seeking temporary asylum have passed through Traiskirchen, Europe's largest refugee camp. The majority are now being lodged in more than 60 boarding houses all But 20,000 more are thought to be holidaying in the country and Mr. Radek is convinced most will eventually start lining up at the camp's shabby gates. "If civil war breaks out in Poland, the exodus to the West will

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resume and the storm will become a torrent," another camp official

